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AG: Proposed changes to casino law would corrupt commission

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REPORTER

Proposed amendments to the Saipan casino law would grant the Commonwealth Casino Commission extraordinarily broad exceptions to the Open Government Act, freeing the commission from oversight and making it a prime candidate for corruption, says CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan in a letter to the Senate on Friday. He urged, among things, a narrower exception to public records laws for the commission.

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DPS search turns up no trace of Zhao

» Search continues today as scuba diving instructor's mysterious disappearance now on 3rd week

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The Department of Public Safety's search teams have already covered wide areas of the island but have yet to unearth any signs of missing scuba diving instructor Mei Hua Zhao.

A DPS source disclosed over the weekend that teams conducted searches in Marpi, See DPS on Page 4



TRUNK OR TREAT

MarPac Inc. features a coffin and trunk during the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library parking lot last Saturday. This year's edition of this annual event drew more than double the regular number of trick-or-treaters.

DAISY DEMAPAN

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CHCC: No resurvey yet from CMS

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The prospective date earlier set for the termination of the Commonwealth

Healthcare Corp.'s Medicare provider agreement has come and gone but there is still no news on when the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would do their resurvey.

Last April, CMS put off to Oct. 30, 2015, its decision on the hospital's Condition of Participation, or CoP, with Medicare.

In a recent interview, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said

» Muña said she expects another extension

she will be calling CMS to find out the status of the hospital.

No validation survey or resurvey was made by CMS prior to the expiration. Muña said this could be because of the delay in the

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Local



Junior division San Antonio Middle School duo Nehemiah Fernandez and Lovely Mariano and senior division Marianas High School duo Ann Margaret Norcio and Yuuki Nishida pose with their first place plaques at the Charley's Cabaret after the 12th Annual Valentine Sengebau Poetry Competition. **DAISY DEMAPAN**

SAMS and MHS duos win annual poetry contest

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Nine schools competed in the 12th Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition on Thursday at the Pacific Islands Club, with representatives of San Antonio Middle School and Marianas High School taking home the top prizes.

The competition was divided into two divisions—the junior and senior divisions—with contestants interpreting the late Valentine Sengebau's poetry or reciting their original work.

In the junior division, San Antonio Middle School duo Nehemiah Fernandez and Lovely Mariano performed the piece *Searching* and astounded the crowd with their performance that stressed humanity's search for purpose. The two received a cash prize of \$250 for first place. Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja took second place, with Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School taking third.

In the senior division, Marianas High School duo Ann Margaret Norcio and Yuuki Nishida won first place with their poem *Shh! Listen...*, which reminded the audience of the importance of paying attention to the needs of the community and keeping our spirits and culture strong no matter the challenges or adversities. Second place winner

was duo Glengela Guiang and Eddie Boy Cestona from Dr. Rita Inos Junior/Senior High School, while third place went to Minna Natsuko Ito of Grace Christian Academy.

Individual contestants and duos hailed from Saipan, Tinian and Rota and represented their respective schools that included Hopwood Junior High School, Dandan Middle School, Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas High School, Mount Carmel School, San Antonio Middle School, and Tinian Junior-Senior High School.

Last year's winners were Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja for the junior division and Marianas High School for the senior division.

Hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, the competition honors the legacy of Micronesia's foremost, Valentine Sengebau, whose poetry involved issues such as cultural identity, politics and change in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sengebau spent the last 25 years of his life in his adopted home of Saipan composing dozens of poems expressing the personal joys and sorrows of his life and the issues regarding loss of cultural identity in the islands as well as the political negotiations between the United States and Micronesia.

Demapan wants to charge MPA fees to fund marine protection program

By **DENNIS B. CHAN**
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REPORTER

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) introduced a bill last week to authorize the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to assess fees on tourists visiting marine protected areas in order to fund conservation efforts under the department.

H.B. 19-105 makes DLNR responsible for the development of a system of assessing fees for entry and usage of marine protected areas, or MPAs, in the Commonwealth. Fees will only be assessed on nonresident visitors to conservation and protected areas.

Collected fees will be transmitted and deposited in a Marine Conservation Revolving Fund, according to the bill.

The bill states that lack of funding for a Marine Conser-

vation Section, as mandated by Public Law 12-2, has prevented the implementation of much needed management practices. Public Law 12-2 is an "unfunded mandate," the bill says.

"The Legislature finds that the imposition of a marine conservation fee to be paid by tourists entering marine conservation areas is a reasonable, necessary, and worthwhile means to generate the necessary management funds.

Noting similar fees in other districts, the bill states that Hawaii currently charges \$47.05 for entry into its Hanauma Bay Marine Life Conservation District, the Republic of Palau requires visitors to pay \$50 departure tax/green fee upon exiting the republic, and a \$100 permit for entering its protected jellyfish lake, among other countries.



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Humanities Council honors 4 outstanding individuals

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REPORTER

The 2015 Annual Governor's Awards, presented by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and acting governor Ralph Torres, honored four outstanding individuals last week during a ceremony on Capital Hill.

In his opening remarks, Humanities Council chair Robert Hunter said, "Humanities stimulate learning and discourse...about our individual and collective human experience. Be it through public forums, publications, poetry, writing, new author's initiative, film and video, mock trials, literacy programs, research, the preservation of historic documents or history conferences... the humanities are a great equalizer."

Dr. Jessica Jordan, who currently serves as a visiting assistant professor of history at the University of Pittsburg, was presented the award for Research and Publication in the Humanities. She was recognized for her doctoral dissertation completed in 2015 at the University of California, San Diego, titled "Islands Too Beautiful for Their Names: Local Memories and Japanese Colonial Rule in the Northern Mariana Islands."

Jordan's research focused heavily on the oral histories of elderly indigenous residents and their memories of everyday life during the Japanese colonial period and war.

Pioneering businessman David Sablan was recognized for his recently published book, *A Degree of Success Through Curiosity*, which documents his life during the Japanese administration and illustrates the social, political and economic history of the time. Sablan's award was in the category of Preservation of CNMI History.

Long-time educator Geraldine Dela Cruz was recognized as an Outstanding Humanities Teacher for her significant contributions to the promotion of family literacy and increas-

The 2015 Annual Governor's Humanities awardees pose with their achievement awards at the governor's conference room on Oct. 30 in recognition for their contributions to the humanities.

DAISY DEMAPAN



ing literacy in the CNMI with her 15-year involvement in the Motherhead/Fatheread program and her 40-year career as an educator.

Retired educator and long-time CNMI resident Samuel McPhetres was presented the Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities Award for his enormous contributions in documenting the history of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as the bureau chief of the *Micronesian News Service* and editor of the *Micronesian Reporter*. He also served as faculty at the Northern Marianas College, passing knowledge of social and political history to numerous students. He is busy these days organizing and digitizing his collection of historical papers and photos to be readily available for public use.

In honor of his award, McPhetres presented Hunter with the flag and seal of the TTPI Administration.

Held annually in October, the Governor's Office and the NMI Humanities Council coordinate efforts to recognize those in the community who have made significant contributions to the humanities during the course of the year. The Humanities Council is a private corporation established in 1991.

Law to prevent sale/resale of Army exchange goods signed

Acting governor Ralph Torres signed into law last week a bill that punishes and deters the sale or resale of products obtained from the Army and Air Force Exchange Services.

Public Law 19-15 also gives the CNMI Department of Commerce the authority to enforce this act, the "AAFES Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 2015."

The law states that some businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and other merchandise are improperly reselling products obtained from the Army Exchange.

"The Legislature finds that those engaging in the sale and/or resale of AAFES products do

so to the detriment of distributors, wholesalers and retailers engaging in legitimate transactions who are forced to compete with the below market price of AAFES merchandise," the law states. "There are no current provisions that would serve as both a deterrent and punishment for these activities that are harmful to both the business community and the general welfare of the Commonwealth."

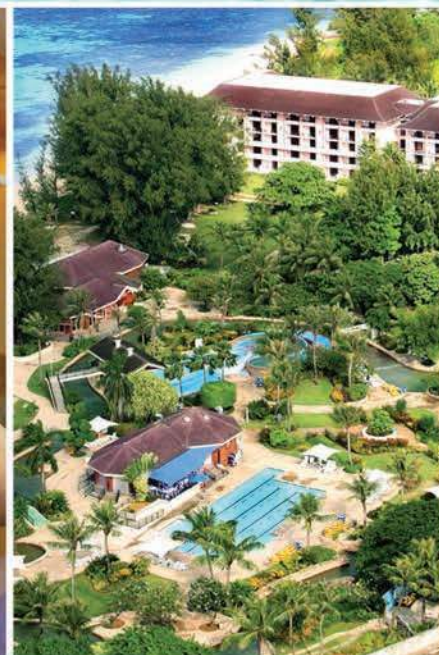
Fines for violations are slated at \$2,000 for each violation, according to the law.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) as House Bill 19-47. (Dennis B. Chan)



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JOB FAIR

Marpac hosts 4th Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair

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Marpac Inc. held its 4th Annual Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies (and Daddies Too!) Fair last Saturday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, with 15 agencies and organizations participating to promote awareness of products and services readily available for the health and welfare of families.

Participants included the Children's Developmental Assistance Center Early Intervention, H.O.M.E. Visiting Program, CNMI Humanities:

Motheread/Fatheread Program and Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Department of Public Safety, American Red Cross NMI Chapter, Commonwealth Cancer Association, Division of Public Health-Oral Health Program, Green Meadows School, Golden Harvest International School & Day Care, Smart Start Daycare, Northern Marianas International School, NMC Nursing Club, and Island Smiles Dental.

The fair featured crowd favorites such as the Huggies baby crawling contest, Cottonelle diaper making contest,

pass the Huggies diaper contest and Huggies baby costume pageant.

Juslynn Arlette Leon Guerrero Mizutani and her interpretation of a Swan Flower Fairy with parents Sandy Nicole Leon Guerrero and Justin Mizutani took the winning title in the 2015 Huggies Diaper Costume Pageant.

Contest judges included Gerard Toves, Ambros territory business manager; Donna Krum, president of Island Smiles Dental; and CDAC Early Intervention teacher Jonisa Sanchez.

Saipan Music & Dance Stu-

dio, Golden Harvest, Green Meadow, Smart Start, and Uncle Ben's Studio staged several performances, while the American Red Cross NMI Chapter demonstrated CPR techniques to prepare families in the event of an emergency.

Marpac Inc. would like to express its gratitude for the support of all the organizations that participated and for the donations by the CNMI Books & Resource Center, Smart Start Nurturing Center, Early Intervention Service, CNMI Motheread/Fatheread and Joeten Kiyu Public Library, and Green Meadow School.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Parishioners descend on the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery on All Saints Day yesterday, while Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa Fr. Ryan Jimenez conducts the Mass service.

THOMAS MANGLONA II

DPS

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Naftan, and Obyan Beach areas.

The teams also checked the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque, where a bartender was found murdered in February 2012.

DPS teams are expected to continue the search today, Monday.

The source said there was no search last weekend as officers were given a break for the All Souls' Day celebration.

The source also stated that there was no truth to rumors that a body was found inside a sack at a jungle in Marpi. What was found was a sack that contained a dead pig, the source said.

The search for the 25-year-

old Zhao is now on its third wee, but authorities still have found no trace of her.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong last week also denied rumors that a body was found in Garapan.

Zhao's husband, Guang Zhe Xuan, 45, owns Go Pro Diving on Tinian and Saipan.

Zhao's last communication with Xuan was last Oct. 19. At that time, Xuan was on Tinian while his wife was reportedly in Gualo Rai after she had just finished a diving excursion with customers.

Xuan was reported missing the following day. Zhao's Toyota Tacoma was found by her friends the following day, Oct. 20, parked behind Joker's Bar in Garapan.



COLLEGE MONTH

Acting governor Ralph Torres, seated center, is surrounded by Northern Marianas College students and leaders after signing a proclamation that declares November 2015 as College Month. College Month aims to promote the value of a college education and NMC has planned a series of activities throughout the month. To find out more about the College Month activities, visit www.marianas.edu.

RAYNARD TRAVILLA

CASINO

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At the same time, Manibusan wrote—in his letter to the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs—that House Bill 19-95 would create a revolving fund to support the Commonwealth Casino Commission and increase the salaries of its commissioners, among others.

On one amendment that allows gambling in any of the "facilities of the casino operator licensee in the Commonwealth," Manibusan says that if this were enacted, the casino licensee could conduct gambling anywhere in the Commonwealth.

"...Restaurants, Laundromats, gas stations, concession stands, apartment buildings—so long as they controlled the 'facilities,'" Manibusan wrote.

He said the Legislature should determine whether the casino licensee should be able to operate casino gaming "on any of its properties, or only on certain types of properties."

Manibusan also notes that one amendment would increase the salaries of casino commissioners to \$65,000 per year, which is higher than the salaries

of essential government personnel like the public defender, public auditor, and lieutenant governor, Manibusan notes.

"The Legislature should determine whether the proposed salary increase for the commissioners is appropriate," Manibusan said.

OGA exception

Manibusan described a proposed exception to the Open Government Act "extraordinarily broad."

The exception would allow the commission to prevent the public from reviewing any of its documents, to keep all its disciplinary orders secret, and to adopt binding regulations without any notice to the public or the Legislature, Manibusan writes.

"If the commission were allowed to operate in this manner, it would be completely free of government oversight, making it a prime candidate for corruption," Manibusan said.

"Other states that allow for casino gambling do no grant such sweeping exceptions to public records laws," he added, referring to New Jersey's Casino Control Act as a "better model."

This New Jersey law grants

confidentiality to internal control procedures, revenues, and background checks, but not to disciplinary orders, regulations, or other documents, and does not allow its Casino Control Commission to meet in secret, Manibusan said.

According to Manibusan, the same OGA amendment would allow the commission to set fees for public records inspections that the commission could keep.

As a result, the commission would have an incentive to set "very high fees" that serve the dual purpose of "enriching the commission and preventing the public from learning about its activities."

"The Legislature should develop a narrower exception to public records laws for the commission, based upon the New Jersey model, and should not allow the commission to hold secret meetings under any circumstances," Manibusan said, adding that the Legislature should restrict the commission's ability to charge fees for public records requests.

Gambling for commission, revolving fund

Another amendment would allow commission personnel to gamble "in the course of

[their] employment with the commission."

Manibusan says this exception is vague, and dangerous if combined with the proposal for secret meetings found in the OGA excepting amendment.

"The commission could meet in secret and authorize any of its personnel to gamble at the casino, either as part of a phony investigation, or simply because the personnel wanted to gamble, and neither the government nor the public would ever learn of it."

Manibusan recommends that the Legislature ensure that commission personnel do not gamble unless it is absolutely necessary for enforcement purposes.

Another proposed amendment would establish indefinitely a "revolving fund" for the commission, from fees imposed by the commission and to be used only for the commission's expenses. Manibusan said this provision contradicts another amendment, which would allow the Legislature to appropriate funds out of the revolving fund after five years.

Manibusan says the Legislature should clarify whether the revolving fund should be available for appropriation, or should be reserved exclusively to the commission.

CHCC

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passage of the federal budget or because of the disaster that the CNMI went through with Typhoon Soudelor in August.

"Usually right after a disaster, they don't really come in. I think that's just out of respect. I think that's what they're doing," Muña said.

However, Muña said they still need to come back and do a re-survey.

"My understanding is, it is required or necessary that when a survey was done and basically findings were made, then it is required that after we submit a plan of correction, which was accepted, that they need to come back and resurvey," Muña said.

She doesn't know when they're going back to do a re-survey but that they anticipate them coming in next year.

"My prediction is sometime in January," Muña said.

With the date passed, Muña said she expects CMS to grant them an extension.

"What has happened in the past is that whenever they can't come at a certain time and the expiration date is just approaching, what they do is basically go ahead

and extend it," Muña said.

She sees no reason for CMS not to extend the hospital's recertification.

Despite CMS not coming to do the survey, Muña said the hospital is still trying to do everything that they are supposed to do like updating their policies, and education and training is being done.

"That's what we've been doing. Basically, what CHCC has been doing is to try to make sure that whatever plan of correction we said we were going to do, that it's happening," Muña said.

She said there are also certain things that happened during the disaster that they would like to include in their policies, one of which is about taking care of special needs patients.

"The things that have occurred post-disaster, we want to be able to make sure that those are incorporated into our policies and we need to make sure that it still meets the standard of care that Medicare wants us to implement and enforce," Muña said.

In September 2014, CMS found the hospital non-compliant with seven CoPs. They extended the hospital's CoP with Medicare up to April 3 before it was again extended to Oct. 30.

Tom Liu brings 'gourmet pizza' to Saipan

Monster Pizza Pub, once a fixture at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, held a soft opening last Friday, Oct. 30, introducing the people of Saipan to what its owner describes as "gourmet pizza."

Established originally at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino in 2004, the restaurant eventually closed its doors on Tinian and has reopened at its Garapan location at the Alter City Group building where the former Coffee Room was located.

"We do our pizzas a little differently. Our specialty is Hawaiian monster pizza. The big difference is that the sauce uses Thousand Island dressing. It's a little on the sweet side but our customers and the kids really enjoy it," said Monster Pizza Pub president Tom Liu.

Liu said that the soft opening will last until Nov. 8, which he hopes will be the restaurant's grand opening.

"We are still waiting for the ABC license. So that'll be hopefully this coming week. After the grand opening, we'll open from 11am until 10pm."

Although the restaurant is a pizza pub, "we want this place to be known as the gourmet pizza restaurant," Liu said.

When asked why he opened Monster Pizza on Saipan he said, "Many people on Saipan told me they really enjoyed the pizza



Guests dine during the soft opening of Monster Pizza Pub in Garapan on Oct. 30.

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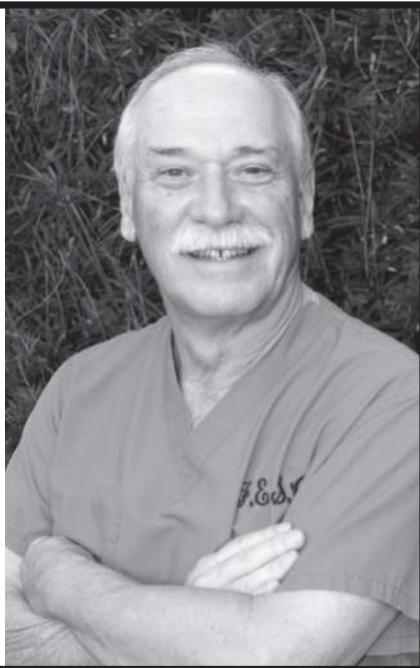
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rooms, and extra cheese.

It also offers side orders of garlic bread, calamari, spaghetti, and fried chicken.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting beginning on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. and will reconvene on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The meetings will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

November 5, 2015

I. Preliminary Matters

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. October 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- E. Correspondence

II. Executive Session**

November 6, 2015

II. Executive Session** (Continued)

III. Public Comments***

IV. Presentation for Rota Solar Energy

V. Management Reports

- A. Executive Director
 - 1. Update on SO1 and SO2 Projects & EPA Grant Projects
- B. Chief Financial Officer
- C. Legal Counsel

VI. Board Reports

VII. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business

VIII. Personnel Committee

- 1. Personnel Matters

IX. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
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*** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

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Dated this 28th day of October, 2015.

/S/Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Lawmaker eyes streetlights fund for repair of Kannat Tabla road

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) last week introduced a bill to repurpose funds for streetlights toward the pavement and drainage systems for the Kannat Tabla Road.

House Bill 19-107 amends Public Law 19-08—the budget act for fiscal year 2015—to re-direct \$1,802,403 in funds for Department of Public Works streetlights to the “road paving and construction of necessary drainage systems at Kannat Tabla Road.”

The \$1.8 million comes from program modifications to the Marianas Visitors Authority budget as established in the budget act. Public Works will submit all requests for payments for the road paving and drainage systems expenses to the MVA for payment.

“Residents who live along

Kannat Tabla Road are suffering due to the damage the specified road endured during excessive rains. Kannat Tabla Road also lacks a drainage system that is crucial for maintaining floods. Temporary measures are always taken to temporarily alleviate such a drastic issue. However, Kannat Tabla Road continues to sustain damage during inclement weather, which requires additional repairs each time the road is sabotaged,” the bill states.

In a related initiative, Guerrero also filed last week a House resolution to request DPW to include Kannat Tabla road under the “CNMI Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan,” or TTIP.

The TTIP describes how federal funds will be spent on eligible projects for safe, efficient,

and reliable transportation systems. The plan is submitted to and funds are from the Federal Highway Administration.

House Resolution 19-34 says the population in Kannat Tabla has “grown tremendously over the past several years” and that the temporary road fixes with recycled asphalt is a “Band Aid approach.”

“Every rainy season the people of the Kannat Tabla area suffer because of flooding and bad road conditions.

“The run-off water not only damages Kannat Tabla area, most especially the roads but neighboring area of Dandan as well.

“It is necessary to included Kannat Tabla road under the [TTIP] due to the rapid growth in populations,” the resolution states. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

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UNITED STATES Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 2ND Quarter General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Pacific Islands Club - Charley Cabaret.

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER**
- ROLL CALL**
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES – July 31, 2015**
- ACTION ITEMS**
 - Ratification/Approval of the Renewal of the CRSP MOA between CDD & ANI.
 - Ratification/Approval of the Amendment of FY2016 CRSP Budget
 - Ratification/Approval of the Amendment of the TAFP MOA between CDD & CAMI.
- REPORTS**
 - Chairman
 - Executive Director
 - Fiscal Committee Chairperson
 - State Plan Committee Chairperson
- OLD BUSINESS**
 - Commonwealth Respite Service Program Update
 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Training Update
 - NDEAM Update
- NEW BUSINESS**
 - Disability Network Partners Update
 - March 2016 DD Awareness Month
 - National Family Caregivers Awareness Month Proclamation & Activities
 - 2017 – 2021 DD Basic Grant Five Year State Plan Focus Group Meetings and Surveys Update
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- NEXT MEETING**
- ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7003. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ John DLG. Demapan
 Chairman

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4th Annual Trunk or Treat another smashing success

By DAISY DEMAPAN
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REPORTER

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library's 4th Annual "Trunk or Treat" last Saturday boasted a crowd that was more than double the number of previous years, according to organizers. The crowd was so large that many parents later pulled out their kids and went trick-or-treating in other venues around the island.

During the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat, heavy rainfall prevented more trick-or-treaters from going to the event and moved participants toward the shelter of Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.

This year, 22 trunk participants gave away free candy and treats to trick-or-treaters. One of the trunks featured The Hulk with a moveable fist. Others featured a large coffin, an inflatable purple spider, pirates, Dr. Seuss and even the gingerbread man. The most popular attraction, evident by its long line, was a Haunted House tent.

Let's Move Marianas held

obstacle courses behind the Children's Library with Power 99 providing a live broadcast of the event.

Toward the end, many trick-or-treaters headed to the Paseo de Marianas for a photocall with Saipanda and the Kinpachi Restaurant crew.

Others drove to the first of its kind drive-through trick or treat event held in San Antonio near the basketball court that provided another safe option for trick-or-treaters.

This year's participants in the Truck or Treat event included the Ayuda Network, AmeriCorps, Best Sunshine, Coca-Cola/Foremost, Crisis Counseling Program, IT&E, JKPL Bookmobile, Let's Move Marianas, Lady Diann, Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort, Mar-Pac Inc., Marianas Health, LLC, Motherhead/Fatherhead, Family Violence, NMC 4H Club, Power 99, Saipan Fil/Am Lions Club, TASA Group, USNS Henson, the Yapese Community, the Department of Public Safety, and the Saipan Southern High School JROTC.

Seaman sues employers over injuries sustained in accident

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A seaman is suing his former employers in federal court over his alleged injuries during an accident at Apra Harbor in Guam last year.

Brian Patrick Boland is suing Cabras Marine Corp. and Seabridge Inc. for Jones Act negligence, unseaworthiness, maintenance and cure/wages, and negligence.

Boland, through counsels William M. Fitzgerald and Bruce Berline, is demanding an unspecified amount of damages, court costs and attorney's fees. He wants a jury trial.

Boland was employed by Seabridge and/or Cabras Marine Corp. as a seaman to work on Cabras Marine's fleet of tugboats and on vessels owned by Seabridge Inc.

Cabras Marine was the owner and operator of the *Goliath*, a U.S.-flagged vessel, as well as other vessels, including the M/T *Cardinal* and the M/T *Chamorro*.

Boland claims that up to the time he was injured, he was a credentialed merchant mariner for approximately 18 years.

According to the complaint, the incident happened on Jan. 19, 2014, as the *Goliath* was readying to depart from Apra Harbor. As Boland was walking toward the *Goliath* to cast off the lines that were holding the vessel to the dock, a six-inch hawser line that secured the ship's bow to the dock's bollard suddenly snapped taut, catching Boland and launching him into the air.

As Boland fell to the dock, the resulting impact with the

dock allegedly caused him to suffer several injuries, including fractures on both arms.

Following the fall, Boland was allegedly ordered aboard the *Goliath* and worked for eight hours, without receiving any medical attention, food, or water despite his injuries.

After returning to Apra Harbor that evening, Boland asked the captain to obtain medical assistance for him. However, the captain of the *Goliath* allegedly refused to assist Boland and abandoned him at the dock, leaving him alone and requiring him to call 911 for assistance.

The police responded to Apra Harbor to assist Boland, who was then brought by ambulance to the hospital where it was determined that he had fractured both arms. He also suffered various contusions and swelling to his body.

Fitzgerald and Berline said Boland's injuries required surgery, medical attention and physical therapy and continues to require additional surgery, medical attention, and physical therapy.

Fitzgerald and Berline said defendants owed a duty of care to Boland to avoid operating the vessel in an unsafe manner or using unsafe methods of operation including preventing hawser lines from becoming taut while casting off.

Fitzgerald and Berline said defendants owed a duty of care to Boland to provide him with reasonably adequate and competent medical attention when he was injured.

The lawyers said the injuries and damage Boland sustained were also caused by the unseaworthy condition of the *Goliath*.



Long lines for candy marked this year's edition of the Joeten Kiyu Public Library's "Trunk or Treat" last Saturday in Susupe.
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Everest Kitchen reopens today

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON
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REPORTER

Today, exactly three months after Typhoon Soudelor shut down the Everest Kitchen in Garapan, the restaurant will reopen and will be serving once again their healthy and delicious menu items.

Owner Laxmi Shrestha wasn't on island on Aug. 2, but was heartbroken upon learning of what had happened to their restaurant, especially since she couldn't return at once as her visa was still being processed.

Among the only things they were able to save were her herbs and plants.

"My daughter and my sister, they carried my plants inside

and hid it so I still have some," Shrestha said.

Everest Kitchen is opening up as a revamped restaurant, with the help of frequent customer and friend Lisa McWilliams.

"I got lucky because my friend helped me with my dream to rebuild," Shrestha said.

One of the first things you'll notice is the new façade, which has a fresh signage and glass windows. Inside, the place boasts even more of the Nepalese culture as the walls are now lined with items from the South Asian country.

McWilliams, an interior designer, helped Shrestha with re-decorating the place.

"Before it was a Nepalese restaurant, but I didn't feel she was telling anybody it

was a nice Nepalese restaurant with beautiful food," McWilliams said.

A painting done by Shrestha's daughter Elina greets guests. It shows Mt. Everest with Nepal's national flower and bird, the rhododendron and the Himalayan monal.

Plates, pitchers, and cups traditional to the Nepalese flatware are on display on the other wall.

"She wanted to do something décor-wise for Everest Kitchen. So she brought back all these beautiful Nepalese brass and gold, and also the special fabric called Dhaka fabric," McWilliams said.

More paintings and pictures showing Nepalese dresses and other traditional ways are also on display in

various parts of the room.

"Pretty much everything you see inside, she hand-carried to bring a little bit of Nepal to Saipan," she added.

Everest Kitchen also has new items on the menu while retaining its usual healthy and "made from scratch" trademark using fresh and raw ingredients.

The restaurant will now be offering lunch buffets from Mondays to Fridays, which will offer nine different dishes at \$12.

Everest Kitchen will also introduce platters that will have all the signature Nepalese and Mediterranean food such as the baba ganoush, hummus, falafel, yogurt sauce dipping, pita bread, and side salad.

Other items are mozzarella salad, club sandwiches, and



The Shrestha family will be reopening the Everest Kitchen today, which will now hold buffet lunches. The restaurant in Garapan was also revamped after Typhoon Soudelor's damage and now features Nepalese items as decors.
FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

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homemade burgers.

In about a month, Everest Kitchen will open for dinners again and soon, they hope to open for breakfast as well. They hope to set up part of the restaurant as a café and a healthy juice bar.

"Food is my life. For me, food is everything," Shrestha said.

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JOAQUIN CABRERA LIZAMA:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated October 7, 2015.

/s/
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
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GUERRERO VILLAGOMEZ,

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CIVIL ACTION
NO. 15-0170

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OF HEARING

Date: 12/15/15
Time: 1:30 PM
Judge: The Hon. David A. Wiseman

To: All creditors, claimants, Francisco Deleon Guerrero Cabrera, Nerine Deleon Guerrero Villagomez, and Nicollette Deleon Guerrero Villagomez

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for letters of administration seeking appointment of Joaquin P. Villagomez, as Administrator of the Estate of Diana Guerrero Villagomez (decedent), was filed in the above-entitled Court. A hearing has been set for the above-entitled matter and will be held in Courtroom 223A of the Commonwealth Superior Court, located at the House of Justice - Guma Hustisia-Imwal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 1:30pm on 12/15/2015.

All persons who having any objection to the petition, or having a claim against the estate or against the deceased, should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2015.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Saipan Chamber meeting on Wednesday**

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly general membership meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle. The main speaker will be Col. Michael R. Cardoza, USAF, Chief, Strategy and Plans Division. He will address the membership about the revised divert airfield plan.

Also at this meeting, Chamber members will be voting for their 2016 board members. Each company receives a number of ballots corresponding to their Chamber membership category. Luncheon begins at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. (SCC)

Family grief support meeting on Nov. 5

The Compassionate Friends

of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. For more information, email tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821). Visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (TCF)

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during schooldays from 3pm to 5pm. The opening ceremony will be at 7pm on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. This event is sponsored by Modern Office Supply. (PR)

Military training at FDM, Agat Bay

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 3 and 5 from 11am to 3pm. The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Agat Bay on Nov. 6 from 9am to noon.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Agat Bay is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 23'

00"N/144° 35' 00"E.

These trainings are designed to enhance the training and readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the trainings. (PR)

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Encounter) to Kanae Quinn at cnmime@gmail.com or sign up online at <http://goo.gl/forms/Ftrnk2p8XS>. (PR)

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Paul Ryan's turn to herd cats—maybe lions—as House speaker

Now it's Paul Ryan's turn to herd the 434 cats with whom he shares the U.S. House of Representatives—including the den of testy lions in the tea party wing.

We hope, for the country's sake, he has better luck as House speaker than his predecessor, John Boehner.

Not to disparage Boehner. The longer he held the position, the more we respected him for trying to get things done in a divisive—poisonous, really—atmosphere. A house divided sharply along partisan lines is tough enough for a speaker to manage, but Boehner also faced deep rifts inside his own majority party that he could not bridge.

Ryan, the GOP's vice presidential candidate in 2012, was comfortably elected the 62nd speaker of the House on Thursday. At 45, he's the youngest in the post since 1869.

His ascension to the prestigious office that is second in the constitutional line of succession to be president is unusual in that he had not actively sought it. In fact, he deflected early approaches after Boehner's protege, California's Kevin McCarthy, flamed out.

Ryan took it only after establishing some conditions, one of which was adequate family time. Nice thought. We'll see. Or rather, he will.

As he steps up, Ryan might want to study the mathematical discipline known as chaos theory, pioneered by brilliant French thinker Henri Poincare around the turn of the 20th century.

As Poincare fashioned it, chaos theory refers to an apparent lack of order in a system that nevertheless obeys particular laws while exhibiting an inherent lack of predictability. Sounds like the House to us. Particularly on the Republican side of the aisle.

Much like Newt Gingrich in the 1990s, Boehner left the speaker's chair because he could not handle the most conservative segment of his majority. Known now as the Freedom Caucus, this group is the latest of many throughout American history to argue that the speaker has too much power. Members want more say in what they see as important decisions.

Ryan, who has often voted with the caucus, will make at least nominal procedural changes to accommodate that wish. But the price for them will be solidarity on issues that Ryan considers vital. We'll see how that works, too.

Boehner gave him a gift by negotiating a bipartisan \$80 billion budget deal as his final major act. That will give Ryan a little time to find his management legs. He needs to work effectively not only with the Freedom Caucus but also with Democrats to address some critical national issues.

Ryan is very conservative, but we don't believe he wants his name on another government shutdown or a debt default that would send the U.S. economy into a tailspin. So we're hopeful. We don't believe compromise is a dirty word—and neither should the speaker of the House.

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All Soles' Day

Holy Saturday Eve got us the ghosts and goblins “trick or treating” on our doorsteps. Sunday was for the saints, the parade of the extraordinary and exemplary good guys and gals of our adoration marching on gilded roads.

Today is for everyone who ever walked this earth, *anima* to Aquinas who claimed that only humans have immortal souls. The Hindu and the Jain include mountains and rivers to be endowed with spirit, a rather contemporary notion. Today, it is the ones buried six feet under the ground, feasted on by worms, or whipped up cleanly to the skies in the cremated smoke of the oven, kiln, or pyre that we memorialize. It's every soul before a stone slab marker, or a tombstone, or a memorial, for those who quit moving insteps, stopped twitching toes and now keeps peripatetic soles stationary forever!

In my youth, we snickered at the medieval purgatory conveniently created for spirits in limbo until prayers are offered when they rise up into the clouds of angels and harps in the heavenly sphere. That is like shopping for polyester socks at Costco and suddenly, Uncle Tom takes us to the T Galleria to pick out your choice of non-solid colors for a year's supply of boutique branded cottons and wools. Now, that literally is all soles day!

Wikipedia defines “soul” as the incorporeal and perceived immortal essence of a living thing, and to the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam), immortal souls only belong to humans. Ancient Greek philosophers (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle) use the word *psyche*, and the spirit of the Earth as a living organism is *anima mundi*.

Gee, someone clamors for etymology. OK. “Soul” derives from the Old *sawol/sawel* in *Beowulf*, a cognate to the Gothic *saiwala*, old German *sela*, Franconia *siela*, Norse *sala* and Lithuanian *siela*. It meant “coming from or belonging to the sea/lake”; inland Teutons thought highly of mysterious blue lakes and improbable open seas. Got that?

In the same vein, common Greek (*Koine*) used *psyche* for “life breath that blows and cools” (as opposed to the terminal *soma*, the material body that eventually rots), which harkens to the Mesopotamian Hebrew *nepash*, “vital breath,” that became *ruah* to Paul of Tarsus, which finally got Roman branding as *spiritus dei*, Spirit of God!

All right, ‘nuff tutorials, already!

It is fun to contemplate all the swirling sinners followed by the solemn saints, and finally, the spirited soles. You might guess we are having fun!

It is the temporality, the finitude of our souls that scares the bejesus out of most of us (this is a family paper, and *bejesus*, though disrespectful in another time, is still used by old teachers; though uncouth “s__it” do just fine). Let's face it, even the cognoscente among us resent the notion of finitude of consciousness, to cease in

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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time, so we resign to have our bodies join forever the chemical pool of the planet.

The food and candles on the tombstone, meant for the departed, are actually salves to our shaking souls. The vigil and wake on the newly dead assault our waking hours. But we wish to make sure that the next generation will light a candle for us when we are gone with a semblance of respect and fond memory.

It is All Souls' Day and if you are reading this piece like it was a meant to be a downer, your slip is showing, your expectation for immortality was addressed. We would be the last not to celebrate the human community's decision to mark and affirm the awareness of the “breath of life” from way back but finding temporal reality in our body. After all, the image of the MD or the nurse spankin' the *heine* just so we can wail our first after living off the umbilical cord for a long while and finally getting air into our chest is a wonder of creation.

Wah! You're right, we *wah'd* our way into existence, and we are grateful not so much because there were hands ever ready to hold us firm when we fell, but because we are into a journey of growth and consciousness; we discovered a resilient spirit that kept evolving, giving physical form and mental image to what constitutes “I, me, and myself.”

In a time when the privileged and cultured elites brand self-consciousness as morally self-centered in defense of their own vanity, we are clear that the image of “myself” is my sole responsibility, a product of my own making, though many would like to live their nosey imprints on my existence and essence.

All right, we will avoid getting philosophical. What transpires today, in all the simplicity of tombstone gestures, is profound in significance. It is “religious”; life as it is given is affirmed in spite of our longing that “some more or someone else” is intensely yearned for, to add to “what is.” It is this sentimental longing that defines our humanity, and though the images are filled with illusions and delusions, we are assured that the bright candlelight flickering on the tombstone affirms that our particular sole is worth walking on, in and out of the way; it rests in peace.

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Spooky

Some of the spookiest events before Halloween took place on Capital Hill where, among other things, senators passed an initiative for voters to decide on a proposed constitutional change so that revenue-generating bills can also originate from the Senate.

That's all because the author, Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), along with his colleagues, believes the Senate has "great ideas" for raising revenues and not because they themselves discovered flaws in the "Origination Clause" that should be fixed for the sake of the CNMI alone.

This is from the same Senate whose other recent "ideas" included pushing for and obtaining a Senate and House leadership funding increase while thousands of residents are still recovering from Typhoon Soudelor's devastation and government agencies lacking funds and other resources to help the typhoon victims.

It's the same Senate whose other "idea" allowed each Saipan senator a \$2,500 monthly or \$30,000 yearly subsistence allowance to be at least not left behind by Rota and Tinian senators who each gets a \$5,000 monthly or \$60,000 yearly subsistence allowance.

The stipend for Rota and Tinian senators is much more than the constitutionally protected salary of \$39,300 a year or \$3,275 a month, on top of other perks.

Instead of leading the way in bringing down government costs and passing sound revenue generating bills the proper way, a number of lawmakers have become a poster child for all things wrong

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tinian mayor's suggestion is on the mark

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas is on the mark to suggest that a properly formulated Civilian-Military Advisory Council be established in the Northern Marianas Islands. Here are more reasons to add to the list prepared by Mayor San Nicolas:

1) It empowers and gives more ownership to residents from all inhabited islands within the Marianas chain. There remains a distinct need for islanders to seek more ways to give voice to all concerns that are known and to all concerns that may arise in the future.

2) It demonstrates pro-active thoughtful leadership by the mayor to formulate a council because in many instances the devil is in the details, not in broadly stated language. For example, I view the possible destruction of over 100,000 coral colonies on both Tinian and Pagan to be unreasonable. More discussion is needed on this and a host of other topics.

3) All meetings, whether or not the military makes the decision to provide representation or not, will further illustrate that islanders are engaging, thoughtful and concerned about existing, emerging and distant future challenges tied to the further possible militarization of the Marianas. The notion of "not in my back yard" applies to this situation and it can even be thought of as «not on top of my house» since the islands we are talking about are relatively quite small compared to, say, the Hawaiian Island chain or the Philippines.

4) It can't hurt. The idea of having a Civilian-Military Advisory Council is sound both conceptually and practically. It can't hurt the interests of islanders but it can expose the lack of courage and forthrightness that the military may not want Chamorros and residents to see.

5) There is a strand associated to the idea of creating a Civilian-Military Advisory Council that closely parallels Pope Francis' recent statements on Catholicism. These statements, paraphrased, are that, a) time must be given to seek out greater dialogue; b) unity is stronger than conflict; 3) human realities are more important than ideas [strictly speaking]; 4) the whole is greater than just one part [even if that one part happens to be the American military].

6) A Civilian-Military Advisory Council is an expression of forward strategic thinking. It is also one appropriate channel to further minimize the likelihood of environmental and Chamorro cultural exploitation of the Marianas Islands. It makes sense and it is hoped that greater unity of effort amongst our people can be achieved that includes support from leaders and employees from all three branches of government at the insular level.

This kind of organization may also prompt new laws to be crafted, introduced and passed by the CNMI government for the short and long term benefit of the people of the Marianas.

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in government.

This image will not go away until lawmakers become more responsible and mindful of the islands' fiscal realities, rather than taking as much resources for themselves as possible while basic public services such as health and safety remain underfunded.

Back to Quitugua's Senate legislative initiative. This one shouldn't move any further and should be rejected by the House right away. This is not only because of the recent questionable ideas and actions by this Senate, but especially because of the reasons why the framers of the U.S. Constitution made sure revenue-generating bills originate in the House of Representatives and not the Senate.

The "Origination Clause" is part of the United States Constitution that says all bills for raising revenue must start in the House of Representatives, but the Senate can amend them as in the case of other bills. The CNMI Constitution reflects this provision.

The House of Representatives is invested with the "power of the purse," or the ability to tax and spend public money for the national government. Massachusetts' Elbridge Gerry said at the Federal Constitutional Convention that the House "was more immediately the representatives of the people, and it was a maxim that the people ought to hold the purse-strings."

You're probably familiar with the phrase, "No taxation without representation." People's representatives were the ones given sole power to tax the people.

It was also another device sanctioned by the framers of the U.S. Constitution to preserve and enforce the separation of powers.

But Senates past and present have developed a way to avoid the Origination Clause by replacing the entire text of a bill that technically originates in the House but retains the same House designated bill number. The uncomplimentary term for this practice is "gut and replace."

For yet another trick-or-treat, the Senate also unanimously overrode last week some vetoed provisions in the fiscal year 2016 budget law: giving 100 percent reprogramming authority to the chief justice and mayors, allocating funds for the CNMI drug court, and allowing 5 percent salary increases to law enforcement personnel.

Now that a drug court has been established via a separate law, and all parties agree on the need to get the drug court off the ground immediately, it makes sense to fund it right away if the resources have already

Dear, teachers: Take your students outside

On the first day of what would become 16 years of teaching outdoors, I stood at the edge of a defunct granite quarry watching third, fourth, and fifth graders scramble up and slide crab-like down the steep sides of the pit. Students swung exuberantly out from a rock ledge near the bottom on a thick, woody vine that dangled from the canopy of a sycamore tree a hundred feet above.

As I pondered how to use the active and enthusiastic engagement before me as the thin end of the wedge in a unit of study on "ecosystem," a student approached me with a leaf that had an odd protrusion from its smooth green surface. "What is it?" would become my favorite question.

I didn't know. A number of students gathered around to see the peculiar leaf. A contingent of third graders hunted down several similarly disfigured leaves. Was the protrusion part of the leaf? Why would some leaves on a tree have protrusions and others not? Was the leaf diseased? How could we tell? We identified the beech tree leaves but could find none with protuberances in our field guides.

Connection was a conceptual way in. We gathered facts. We learned anatomical terms for leaf parts, such as veins and margins. We learned to recognize the leaves and identified trees in the vicinity of the quarry. The green hues of the forest gradually resolved into sycamore and beech, herb layer, shrub layer, and understory.

We began to understand relationships among the plants that inhabited the quarry. Conditions on the floor of the pit were different from those at the rim. Flora that could not abide the periodic flooding, that on rainy days inevitably occurred at the quarry's bottom, did not survive in that location.

Building a framework for understanding ecosystem by gathering facts and using a concept, such as connection, as a lens through which to examine the facts, can be applied to many subjects. But such analytical, hands-on and minds-on engagement in outdoor education is vital.

Human beings once lived outside and retreated to shelters on

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been identified. But the two other provisions remain questionable.

As the governor earlier wrote, requiring law enforcement personnel to use 5 percent of their personnel budget to fund the salary increase mandate would require agencies to cut staff and would run counter to the 25-percent cap on overtime.

The governor also earlier wrote that the 5 percent salary hike provision did not account for personnel on Rota and Tinian, which he said would create morale problems. But the Senate insists it does include Rota and Tinian law enforcement.

Moreover, the Senate passed—with amendments—a House bill amending the Saipan casino law. The Senate amendments include requiring legislative approval if the casino commission wants to revoke Saipan exclusive casino licensee Best Sunshine. Why would lawmakers, most of whom rushed the passage of the Saipan casino bill without public hearings, need to have a final say on a regulatory matter?

This further raises suspicion that some or many lawmakers would go to great lengths to protect Best Sunshine, even if and when the regulatory casino commission finds the licensee violating laws and regulations. This, after approving salary increases for casino commissioners.

If there's one good thing, it was the Senate's deletion of proposed provision that would have exempted Best Sunshine from enclosing its casino floor off from the harmful secondhand smoke that emanates from its gaming floor.

Kudos to health officials who successfully made their voices heard loud and clear. But the need for heightened vigilance is not over yet because the House might still insist on this provision. Boo!

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an as-needed basis. Today we talk about living in our homes and offices. Nonetheless, powerful and patient, the natural world lurks beneath our city streets and sidewalks. We ignore the natural foundation of the human condition at our peril. Thus, there is a practical purpose for outdoor education.

No matter how seemingly removed from nature our lives are or may become—as air-breathing, water-drinking, plant- and animal-consuming participants in global and local ecosystems, it behooves us to know the interactions and understand the elements of our world. Look what just a few degrees' change in the average temperature worldwide indicates.

When students in a science class adopt a tree, the pride they feel in sharing about the specimen they have drawn, researched and spent time with is palpable. The joy of engaging with the natural world can be visceral and primal. There is intrinsic value in knowing our world—forest and trees.






Love of such study, like so much of what is learned in a lifetime, seems to me to come into being most effectively when ushered in by a teacher of children in the great outdoors.

In the course of our ecosystem study I came to know that what seemed to be unusually shaped leaf growths were actually insect galls. Leaves are a great medium for insect egg-laying, and the eggs come in a delightfully wide variety of shapes and colors.

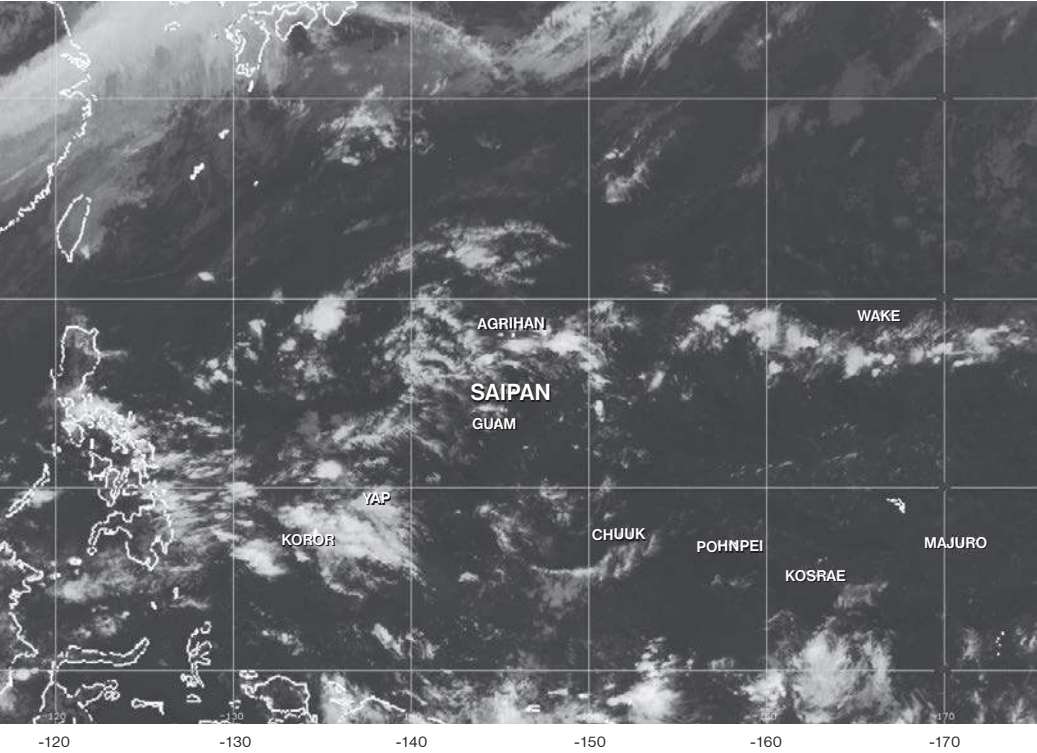
I am hopeful and even optimistic that humankind will extend its knowledge and understanding of the natural world to the stars, and that people may populate our universe long into the future. But it is comforting to me to acknowledge that we are but one expression, one manifestation of the natural world. A world that seems likely to fold in on and remake itself periodically, ever becoming the habitat for interesting and sometimes mysterious manifestations of life.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low far northwest of Yap near 18N134E is helping to trigger widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 16N and 21N from 133E to 137E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Yap and Koror in patchy areas between 5N and 11N from 130E to 140E. A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 3N130E to end at about 2N170E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Kosrae are south of 2N from 161E to 167E. A weak shear line runs eastward from the Northern Mariana Islands at 17N145E to beyond 18N180. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are along and up to 100 miles north of the shear line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲67	▼37
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼72
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼77
London	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲83	▼60
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼75
Melbourne	Showers	▲62	▼47
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
New York	Cloudy	▲69	▼55
Osaka	Rain	▲62	▼52
Paris	Fog	▲62	▼50
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼45
Rome	Sunny	▲70	▼48
Salem	Showers	▲58	▼46
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼43
Tokyo	Rain	▲61	▼54
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲71	▼55



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
5:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
1:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:58 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
11:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Tuesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	11:13 PM	11:25 AM
Tuesday		12:12 PM
Wednesday	12:04 AM	12:56 PM
Thursday	12:54 AM	1:37 PM
Friday	1:42 AM	2:16 PM

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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:35am	3:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5072/191	9:50pm	7:20am+1	1, 6 via GUM	UA184/2920	11:59pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
				UA184/2927	11:59pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
				UA184/2929	11:59pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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OZ628/721	3:50am	12:50am	Daily via ICN	OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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IT&E's LTE network is now in its testing phase

IT&E announced Friday that it has successfully completed the installation of its LTE equipment in all sites planned for 2015 and that it has begun testing this equipment and LTE service in the Hafa Adai, Gualo Rai, Susupe, Kannat Tabla, and Chalan Kanoa areas of Saipan. Testing will begin in the Mt. Tapochau area within the next two weeks.

"We are delighted that we have completed installation of this equipment ahead of schedule and that our test results, so far, have been very positive" said John Compton, IT&E's chief operating officer. "While our customers are welcome to enjoy this new high speed data service for themselves during this testing, we are advising the public that the LTE network availability and LTE data speeds may vary greatly during our testing phase and IT&E requests the public's understanding and patience during this period. The current GSM, CDMA, and HSPPA networks will not be affected by any of our testing efforts, however."

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Trick or Treat 2015



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Marianas Medical Center’s employees stand ready to “treat” (not trick) their patients last Saturday for Halloween visits. From left: Nurse Len Angello holds the pirate scalpel for Dr. Tiffany Willis (who competed for “Best Costume” with a doctor’s outfit), Valerie Lacsina, Mary Deala, and Mary Beth Gavan.



MARK RABAGO

Trick-or-treaters pose in front of the haunted house backdrop at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan last Saturday.



Young and old line up at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library’s Trunk or Treat.

JON PEREZ



The line snaked all the way near the stoplight along Beach Road.

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Trick or Treaters await their turn to enter the Haunted Room.

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A princess and two super heroes join a group of pirates.



A family of Trick or Treaters join Animu, left, and a Creepy Clown at the Mayor’s Office.

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Saipan Mayor’s Of-
fice dog control
program’s Spencer
Marchadesch and
family pose for a pho-
to. Marchadesch’s
daughter, Ella, hands
down wins the cutest
Halloween costume
with this ode to 1980s
top toy Cabbage
Patch Kids.

Senate eyes share of House's power of the purse

The Senate passed Thursday a legislative initiative that would give it power of the purse—the authority to introduce appropriations bills—an act that is constitutionally reserved for the House of Representatives.

Senate Legislative Initia-

tive 19-04 authorizes the introduction of appropriation and revenue bills in the House of Representatives or the Senate, except for the appropriation bill to provide for the fiscal year budget of the CNMI, which will originate

from the House.

Right now, the NMI Constitution allows for all appropriation and revenue bills to be introduced “only” in the House of Representatives.

“The Legislature finds that the power of the purse

should not be limited to the House of Representatives because great ideas relating to revenue generations and economic enhancements can also originate in the Senate,” the initiative states.

“Rather than waiting for

the House of Representatives to initiate appropriation and revenue bills, it is important to allow the Senate to promote ideas that will benefit the Commonwealth as a whole,” the initiative states.

All nine members of the Sen-

ate voted to pass the initiative, which would also require an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the House in order for the constitutional amendment to be placed before the public at the next general election. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Ironwood Saipan to open for occupancy soon

By **FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA-DIZON**
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REPORTER

Ironwood Saipan is nearly ready for occupancy and has been accepting applications for their low-income housing project.

Located in Gualo Rai, the housing is expected to be available for renters to move in within the first half of this month. An open house will also be scheduled soon.

According to operations manager Janice Jacob, they are just waiting for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to inspect the units before renters could move in.

A total of 80 units will be available, 26 of which are two-bedroom units that measure 772 square feet, 30 three-bedroom units with 1,097 square feet, and 24 four-bedroom units that measure 1,177 square feet per unit.

Each unit has two bathrooms and some closets are already

built in.

Four units that boast of wider spaces were made to accommodate people with disabilities. Some features such as sinks were made lower to be accessible to those in wheelchairs and the bathrooms are equipped with handlebars.

All units come with refrigerators, gas stoves, and air-conditioning.

Jacob said they are still finalizing if some units will come semi-furnished.

Each unit also features washer and dryer connections, typhoon-rated windows and typhoon shutters, LED lighting, and their own reverse-osmosis water tanks.

Jacob said the whole community will have 24-hour water service and as well as solar power as an electricity source. They also have backup generators.

The whole area is equipped with security cameras.

“Every angle, every side is

covered,” Jacob said.

Outside, a playground, a half-court and two barbecue areas will be available for the Ironwood community to use.

“That’s an added plus because some kids just don’t have anywhere else to play,” Jacob said. “Families can actually stay home and enjoy. It’s not like you just come home from and you go to your room and that’s it.”

A lot of planning went into making sure that amenities will benefit the families. A computer room for residents and an activity room for the community will be opened within the property.

Ample parking spaces are available for unit owners as well.

Applications are ongoing and Jacobs said they’ve received about 20 applications so far. They have already approved about five who are now waiting to move in.

Not everyone, however, can apply for a unit at Ironwood. “It’s for families that fall within

a certain income bracket so it’s based on their household size to be able to rent here,” Jacob said.

Annual income limits, ranging from \$26,040 for one person

to \$49,140 for eight persons, are set in place to ensure that homes are allocated to families in need.

Ironwood’s monthly rental rates will be \$656 for a two-bedroom unit, \$745 for a three-bedroom unit, and \$797 for a four-bedroom unit.

Jacob said interested members of the public can come to their office and have a mini-tour of the place. Ironwood can be reached at 233-4348 and is open from 8:30am to 5pm Mondays through Fridays and 9am to 12pm on Saturdays.



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-16-001

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified insurance firms to provide workers' compensation insurance and administration for CUC's employees throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and when on official business away from the CNMI.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 29, 2015 to be considered.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RFP-16-001, Workers' Compensation & Administration”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Bridge Capital donates \$35,000 in construction materials

As part of its commitment to assisting recovery efforts following Typhoon Soudelor, Bridge Capital LLC donated \$35,000 worth of housing construction materials to the CNMI long-term recovery group, C.A.R.E.

Donated materials included 800 roof sheets, 700 pieces of U.S. pressure-treated lumber, 1,000 hurricane straps, 15,000 roof screws, 2,500 lbs of nails, and 50 gallons of roof cement.

In a brief ceremony Friday afternoon at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, Bridge Capital vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl presented the materials to C.A.R.E., with acting governor Ralph Torres on hand.

Torres said the much-needed construction materials will go a long way as C.A.R.E. works closely with the disaster case management program in order to identify residents with the greatest needs for rebuilding assistance.

"The continued collaboration



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Acting governor Ralph Torres, Bridge Capital vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, and CARE network partners Steve Jang, Joe Guerrero, Jenny Hegland, Geri Willis, John Hirsh, Deanne Young-Reeves, Ty Pauling, Ben Curran, Agnes McPheters, and FEMA mitigation staff.

those who have lost or damaged homes has been great, and we really want to build on that. We look forward to collaborating with them now and in the future as recovery efforts continue around island," he added.

One of the representatives receiving the donation on behalf of C.A.R.E., Jenny Hegland, thanked Bridge Capital for their generous donation, as well as Northern Marianas Technical Institute for storing the materials, and looks forward to using the growing resources of C.A.R.E. to improve the lives of Saipan residents affected by typhoon Soudelor and Tropical Storm Champi.

"Our volunteers are getting out there identifying unmet needs and our network partners are delivering long-term support to those most impacted by the disaster," said Hegland. "Collaborating resources between our network partners, government agencies and officials, and especially our business leaders like Bridge Capital, will help us build a more resilient community. Thank you to all who remain committed to the long-term recovery process."

Individuals interested in learning more about C.A.R.E. or to volunteer in the ongoing recovery efforts can visit www.cnmicare.com for more information. **(Bridge Capital)**

SPREADING AWARENESS TO SAVE LIVES

BSI teams up with CCA, Fire Department

The success of the month-long Breast Cancer Awareness Month celebration in October was a result of a successful collaboration and partnership forged by the Commonwealth Cancer Association with the community.

CCA continues to develop an extensive bank of supporters and advocates that would sustain its aggressive awareness campaign, to support and help spread potentially life-saving information to those afflicted with the debilitating disease, and provide support to their families as the groundwork of their mission.

As part of the goals set by Best Sunshine International's Corporate Social Responsibility team to bolster community service and extend assistance to non-profit organizations, Best Sunshine, headed by chief service officer Tao Xing and CSR director Rita Chong, commits its all-out support by actively participating in CCA's roster of activities, which includes the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres is flanked by Best Sunshine International employees and supporters to the causes of the Commonwealth Cancer Association. This photo was taken during last week's fundraiser event.

Pink Warrior walkathon, a fundraiser event at Naked Fish Bar & Grill, and a roadside waving to promote the CNMI's breast screening program. The company initiated its support by donating \$1,600 to the fundraiser in collaboration with CCA and Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

"We're very thankful to Best Sunshine, especially for their

involvement in our community efforts and numerous projects here in the CNMI, and grateful for their donation not only for breast cancer awareness, but for all the other projects that they've been helping and collaborating throughout the Commonwealth. We're very appreciative and happy that they are joining us in this very important cause," said DFEMS Commis-

sioner Clyde K. Norita.

Juan Babauta, director of Commonwealth Cancer Association, said: "On behalf of the [CCA] board of directors and members, I would sincerely like to thank Best Sunshine International for the partnership, as well as the sponsorship they provided for our Pink Warriors walkathon and fundraising events (held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015) on the occasion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thanks to their generous sponsorship, we were able to raise awareness in the community about breast cancer and the resounding success in carrying out the fundraising drives."

He added, "These events would not have been a resounding success without their generous support, hard work and commitment they all have provided us throughout. We deeply appreciate the willingness with which they have shown and continue to sponsor our efforts to make available funds for the CCA program and services." **(BSI)**

recent typhoon [on] Saipan was a tragedy and the good people of the Arizona Attorney General's Office were eager to provide assistance to help out friends in the Northern Mariana Islands.

"I look forward to a lasting relationship with Attorney General Manibusan and wish the good people of Saipan and the surrounding area the best of luck as they work to rebuild their lives and their communities." **(OAG)**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Karidat executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro, Karidat administrative officer Judy Pangelinan, and Deputy Attorney General Lillian A. Tenorio.

Arizona OAG donates to Soudelor recovery efforts

On behalf of Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan presented a check to Karidat Social Services to help in the recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor.

Karidat executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro and administrative officer Judy Pangelinan were on hand to accept the donation.

In a letter to Manibusan, Brnovich said: "As attorneys general we must work together as often as possible to not only achieve justice, but also to provide assistance to our friends in need. The



Man gets 30-day prison term for resisting arrest

A man accused of harassing and threatening to kill some people, including two police officers, while he was intoxicated, has entered a guilty plea and was slapped with a 30-day prison term.

Omar Raja Nawaz, 25, pleaded guilty last week to resisting arrest and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Nawaz to a total of one year and six months imprisonment, all suspended except for 30 days, with credit for time served. That means he will no longer serve further prison term. He was placed on probation for 11 months.

During his probation, Nawaz is prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. He was required to attend alcohol counseling and pay a \$25 court assessment fee plus probation fees.

According to the factual

basis of the plea agreement, on Aug. 28, 2015 on Saipan, Nawaz pulled his hand back while police officers attempted to place him in handcuffs and struggled against officers as they escorted him to a patrol vehicle.

Nawaz also threatened to kill Banga Bandhu Baidya and tried to break a bottle on Baidya's head.

Police detective Daniel Maliuyaf stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a complaint about a man, later identified as Nawaz, who threatened to kill another man at a hotel's beach concession in Garapan.

When two police officers responded at the scene, they detected a strong odor of alcohol from the suspect's breath.

As the officers were escorting him to the police vehicle, Nawaz resisted and struggled. He allegedly tried to kick one officer and threatened to kill "all of them." **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Business

Morocco defends hold on Western Sahara—and targets IKEA, H&M

RABAT, Morocco (AP)—Morocco is reacting aggressively to any challenges to its claims on Western Sahara, as it marks 40 years since taking control of the mineral-rich territory. Among apparent targets of its wrath: Swedish icons IKEA, Volvo and H&M.

This month, the Moroccan government announced it would consider boycotting Swedish products and companies over reports that Sweden was planning to recognize the independence of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic, or SADR, which disputes sovereignty over Western Sahara with Morocco. Some 60 countries consider it an independent state, but no Western nation does. Morocco has been stuck in a frozen conflict for years with the Polisario Front, the

Algeria-backed insurgency that proclaimed SADR.

Brands associated with Sweden have faced difficulties in Morocco in recent weeks: The country's first IKEA store was blocked from opening last month over administrative problems. Employees were mysteriously unable to enter a Volvo dealership.

Thousands of Moroccans from labor unions and non-governmental groups marched in front of the Swedish Embassy in support of the possible boycott—some distributing brochures showing the logo of companies such as Swedish retailer H&M crossed out with a bold red “x.”

“This is the Moroccan people's decision, not the Moroccan government's,” said Mohamed Yacoubi from the Moroccan

Center for Human Rights, who participated in the protest.

Sweden will undergo a review of its policy toward the Western Sahara, due to be completed in February. But so far, “there has been no dramatic development in Sweden,” said Jens Orback, a former Social Democratic Cabinet member and current head of the Olof Palme International Center, a human rights group linked to Sweden's governing Social Democrats.

While in the opposition, the Social Democrats called for Sweden to recognize the Western Sahara as an independent state, but now that they are in government, they appear more cautious. “The experience from (Sweden's) recognition of Palestine have made them realize that they will get a lot of criticism,” Orback said.

ECB: Greek banks need \$15.8B to get back on track

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—The European Central Bank says Greece's battered banks need 14.4 billion euros (\$15.8 billion) in fresh money to get back on their feet and resume normal business.

The figure announced Saturday is the result of an ECB review of Greece's four main banks following an agreement on the troubled country's third bailout: 86 billion euros (\$94.6 billion) from other eurozone governments in August. The review is an important step toward ending limits on bank customer withdrawals and transfers that continue to hamper businesses as the Greek economy struggles to recover.

The banks - Alpha Bank,

Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank—now must submit plans to raise the money to boost their capital buffers against future financial turmoil and losses. Part of that capital could come from private investors; what can't be raised from investors would come from bailout funds.

The financial hole the ECB found is smaller than originally feared. The bailout provided for up to 25 billion euros (\$27.5 billion) to fix the banks.

Greece is racing to bail out the banks before year end, when new European bank bailout rules take effect that would require seizing deposits over the 100,000-euro (\$110,000)

limit on deposit insurance. That would sting big depositors such as small and medium sized businesses, which are already having enough trouble.

A bill allowing the recapitalization of banks was passed by voice vote in Greece's Parliament Saturday.

The extreme right Golden Dawn and the Communist Party were the only dissenters in the eight-party legislature.

Deputy Prime Minister Yiannis Dragasakis said passage of the bill would avert seizure of deposits.

Greek finance minister Euclid Tsakalotos said that bank recapitalization and a viable solution to non-performing loans will both happen before the end of the year.

previous defects, but that it still could result in metal fragments hitting the driver or passengers.

US reaches settlement with 457 hospitals over cardiac device

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department said Friday that it had reached settlements totaling more than \$250 million with hundreds of hospitals where doctors implanted cardiac devices in violation of Medicare coverage requirements. The settlements encompass nearly 500 hospitals in 43 states where cardioverter defibrillators were implanted in Medicare patients too soon after they suffered a heart attack, had heart bypass surgery or angioplasty. Medicare sets waiting periods of up to 90 days before implanting the \$25,000 devices, which deliver mild electric shocks to restore a normal heart rhythm. Clinical trials have shown the heart often recovers its own rhythm during that time, making the pricey de-

fibrillators unnecessary.

Season-long fantasy sports now a question in Nevada

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Nevada has already decided daily fantasy sports are gambling and that people can't put their dollars down on DraftKings and FanDuel until those sites obtain a license in the state. State gambling regulators haven't been as clear about paid season-long fantasy games offered by such long-time operators as CBS Sports and Yahoo Sports, which make a profit and pay cash prizes. Yahoo has pulled out of Nevada out of caution that their paid season-long games might run afoul of state opinion. Still others continue to offer a chance for players to win. They games are played by putting together a lineup of players and charting their results, much like the daily game, but for the season and with the opportunity to swap athletes because of injury or bad play.

Nation

AP: Hundreds of officers lose licenses over sex misconduct

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Flashing lights pierced the black of night, and the big white letters made clear it was the police. The woman pulled over was a daycare worker in her 50s headed home after playing dominoes with friends. She felt she had nothing to hide, so when the Oklahoma City officer accused her of erratic driving, she did as directed.

She would later tell a judge she was splayed outside the patrol car for a pat-down, made to lift her shirt to prove she wasn't hiding anything, then to pull down her pants when the officer still wasn't convinced. He shined his flashlight between her legs, she said, then ordered her to sit in the squad car and face him as he towered above. His gun in sight, she said she pleaded “No, sir” as he unzipped his fly and exposed himself with a hurried directive.

“Come on,” the woman, identified in police reports as J.L., said she was told before she began giving him oral sex. “I don't have all night.”

The accusations are undoubtedly jolting, and yet they reflect a betrayal of the badge



A police car drives into the Springlake Police Station in Oklahoma City, on Oct. 7, 2015.

that has been repeated time and again across the country.

In a yearlong investigation of sexual misconduct by U.S. law enforcement, The Associated Press uncovered about 1,000 officers who lost their badges in a six-year period for rape, sodomy and other sexual assault; sex crimes that included possession of child pornography; or sexual misconduct such as propositioning citizens or having consensual but prohibited on-duty intercourse.

The number is unquestionably an undercount because it

represents only those officers whose licenses to work in law enforcement were revoked, and not all states take such action. California and New York—with several of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies—offered no records because they have no statewide system to decertify officers for misconduct. And even among states that provided records, some reported no officers removed for sexual misdeeds even though cases were identified via news stories or court records.

3 dead, 4 injured when car plows into NYC trick-or-treaters

NEW YORK (AP)—A street full of trick-or-treaters turned into a Halloween horror scene when an out-of-control car jumped a curb and careened into a group of costumed revelers, killing three people, including a 10-year-old girl and her grandfather.

The crash injured three other trick-or-treaters, along with the driver, police said. Witnesses described hearing a loud boom, followed by screaming and crying, then seeing a trail of mangled bodies in crumpled, bloodied costumes.

“I saw a torso on the sidewalk. I didn't know if it was

a Halloween dummy or a real person,” neighbor Fabio Cotza told the New York Post. “I just grabbed a whole bunch of towels and ran outside.”

Celebration turned to terror just before 5 p.m. Saturday as the group of trick-or-treaters walked down a quiet residential block in the Morris Park neighborhood of the Bronx.

A 52-year-old man behind the wheel of the black Dodge Charger plowed into the pedestrians on a sidewalk and then smashed through a fence in front of a home, police said. The car was left

teetering on a brick wall. A child's shoe and remnants of mangled stroller lay on the sidewalk just feet away.

Moments before the car jumped the sidewalk, the driver had crossed over a double yellow line in the road after bumping into the back of a Toyota Camry, police said.

“There was a family of kids trick-or-treating, walking behind me,” Kristina DeJesus told WABC-TV. “All of a sudden ... I heard the boom, and the car like literally jumped over a parked car and flew into the gate, hitting a bunch of people.”

Searchers locate wreckage believed to be El Faro cargo ship

WASHINGTON (AP)—Now that searchers have located wreckage in 15,000 feet of water east of the Bahamas, the next steps include confirming whether it's the cargo ship El Faro that vanished earlier this month.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board said in a statement from Washington that a remotely operated deep ocean vehicle will now be sent deep below the ocean surface in an operation that could begin as early as Sunday to attempt to confirm the identity of the vessel. The El Faro vanished Oct. 1 with 33 crewmembers on heaving seas during Hurricane Joaquin.

Authorities added in the statement late Saturday that they also are intent on surveying the wreckage and locating a voyage data recorder—or the ship's “black box”—that could yield clues as to what happened.

An NTSB statement said a specially equipped Navy vessel located wreckage Saturday afternoon in the area of the ship's last known position. It said the wreckage is “consistent with a 790-foot cargo ship, which from sonar images appears to be in an upright position and in one piece.”

The 790-foot El Faro was reported missing east of the

Bahamas, according to the Coast Guard.

Saturday's announcement by the NTSB, which is investigating the disappearance, came after a ship it contracted for the search from the Navy, the USNS Apache, had spent days combing those waters.

“To confirm the finding, specialists on Apache will use CURV 21, a deep ocean remotely operated vehicle to survey and confirm the identity of the wreckage. This survey could begin as early as November 1,” said the statement emailed by Peter Knudson from the NTSB's public affairs office in Washington.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Honda recall affects 2016 CR-Vs over potential air bag issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—Honda is recalling some 2016 CR-V SUVs to replace Takata air bags that could rupture in a crash and send metal fragments flying. The recall affects just 515 of the small sport utility vehicles, and Honda says only 30 were sold before dealers were told to stop sales. But it is the latest safety problem with air bags made by Takata Corp., a Japanese supplier. Federal officials said in October that eight people have died and 98 others have been injured by air bag inflators that explode with too much force, sending shrapnel into car occupants. Recalls have covered about 19 million cars made by 12 different car and truck manufacturers. Federal officials have said the recalls are taking too long. American Honda Motor Co. said late Friday that the defect covered by the new recall appears to be different from

Asia

Leaders of S. Korea, Japan, China meet in rare summit

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The leaders of South Korea, China and Japan met Sunday in their first summit talks in more than three years, as the North-east Asian powers struggle to find common ground amid bickering over history and territorial disputes.

No major breakthrough is expected, but just getting together in the same room—their first formal meeting since May 2012—is a good sign.

High-level contacts between Tokyo and its two Asian neighbors nose-dived after hawkish Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took office in late 2012. Many in South Korea and China see Abe as trying to whitewash Japanese atrocities inflicted during its colonization of the Korean Peninsula and invasion of China in the first half of the 20th century.

The three leaders were expected to meet for about two hours before releasing the results of their talks in a joint news conference later Sunday.

Despite protests from Seoul and Beijing, Abe hasn't yielded on his nationalism. Even so, the three countries, closely linked economically, are pushing to find a way to improve ties.

"A negative, hostile atmosphere prevailed in the past, but they're now paving the way for better dialogue. That's the biggest meaning of this trilateral summit," said Bong Youngshik, a senior researcher at Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies. "It's a positive sign."

On Saturday, South Korean President Park Geun-hye told visiting Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in a sideline meeting that she hopes cooperation among the three countries will

resume after this weekend's talks, according to her office. Park is to meet Abe on Monday in what will be her first formal one-on-one meeting with him since her inauguration in early 2013.

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Abe last November on the sidelines of a regional conference that Beijing hosted, and they've met twice since.

Analysts say the summit won't likely produce anything tangible on sensitive history and territorial disputes. They say the Asian leaders instead may seek common ground on economic issues, such as how to boost trade ties as their countries face economic woes at home.

Park and Li agreed Saturday to work toward ratifying by the end of the year a bilateral free trade agreement that their legislatures have yet to approve.

Myanmar reforms have long way to go to change power balance

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—The sweeping reforms Myanmar announced in 2011 after a half-century of crushing military rule seemed too good to be true to much of the outside world. And to some degree, they were.

Myanmar citizens are experiencing an unprecedented degree of economic and political freedom, but the balance of power has changed little. Most of those in charge are former military men who have just swapped their khakis for suits and longyi—the sarong-type skirt traditionally favored by both men and women in Myanmar.

Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, whom the junta kept under house arrest for years, now tours the country stumping for votes. But even if her National League for Democracy wins the

Nov. 8 election in a landslide, the odds are that the generals and their cronies will continue to dominate both politics and the economy.

Many familiar with Myanmar's government say that while it has made significant reforms in the past five years, it still faces a long journey to achieve a stable, prosperous democracy.

"This is a huge improvement and we have to keep it in context for what it is," said Daniel Aguirre, legal adviser in Yangon for the International Commission of Jurists. But he adds, "The prevailing narrative of 'open for business and everything's fine' is completely, way off."

Conditions for the majority of Myanmar citizens living in the countryside are little changed. Many of them survive on less than \$1.25 a

day, and with per capita GDP of about \$810, it is one of the poorest countries in Asia.

Many political prisoners were released after reforms began, but dissidents are still frequently jailed, and the press, though not openly controlled by the government, often censors itself out of fear. The military control most government appointments and operate with virtual impunity.

"If you're looking at the big picture of, 'Is the military stepping down tomorrow?' Well, of course not. But I'm not sure anyone who ... really understood history would have expected that," said Vicky Bowman, a former British ambassador to Myanmar who now runs a non-governmental organization in Yangon, the Myanmar Center for Responsible Business.

Adeeb of plotting to assassinate President Ymeen Abdul Gayoom on Sept. 28. He escaped unhurt because he wasn't sitting in his usual seat on the boat, the government said. His wife, an aide and a bodyguard were injured. The FBI said in a statement that the "submitted specimens were determined to be components from the boat and not the components of an improvised explosive device."

S. Korean seized by extremists found dead in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—An elderly South Korean man who was kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines 10 months ago has been found dead apparently due to an illness, police and military officials said Sunday. The body of Noi-seong Hong was found in a sack late Saturday on a roadside in Indanan town in Sulu province, where the militants have been holding several foreign and Filipino kidnapping victims in their jungle bases in the mountains, according to army Brig. Gen. Alan Arrojado and the police. An initial investigation showed the militants brought down the remains of the 74-year-old from their jungle encampment after he died from an unspecified illness, Arrojado said.

World

US pledges nearly \$100 million to support Syrian opposition

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)—The United States ramped up its support for Syria's opposition with a pledge of nearly \$100 million in fresh aid on Saturday. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's top diplomat described the timing of the departure of Syrian President Bashar Assad and the withdrawal of foreign fighters as top sticking points to finding a lasting resolution to the civil war in Syria.

Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced the additional assistance at the Manama Dialogue security conference in the Gulf island nation of Bahrain, where discussion of Syria dominated the gathering of mostly Western and Arab officials.

The American promise of cash, which it says brings to nearly \$500 million the amount it has pledged to the opposition since 2012, came a day after the U.S. announced it was in-



Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir addresses delegates at an international security summit in Manama, Bahrain, Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015. AP

tensifying its fight against the Islamic State group in Syria with the deployment of up to 50 special operations troops.

It also coincided with the completion of international talks in Vienna to pursue a new peace effort involving Syria's Iranian-backed government and opposition

groups. The negotiations left open the thorny question of when Assad might leave power, and it was unclear whether he or disparate rebel groups fighting to topple him would sign on to any peace proposal.

A new round of talks was expected to take place within two weeks.

Greece: Protesters target border fence after refugee deaths

LESBOS, Greece (AP)—Protesters clashed with police guarding a border fence in northern Greece Saturday, following a series of sea accidents that killed dozens of migrants and a warning from authorities that the death toll is likely rise in coming weeks.

About 500 anti-government protesters, who traveled from Athens and several towns in northern Greece were involved in the clashes near the border with Turkey after challenging a police cordon blocking access to the fence that spans more than 10 kilometers (6.2 miles).

The demonstrators are demanding that Greece tear down the fence and allow refugees to cross by land instead of risking their lives on the

sea crossing to Europe. The youths, many wearing hoods and balaclavas, hurled rocks at police who responded with tear gas and stun grenades.

No arrests or injuries were reported.

The government says it cannot remove the fence for "practical reasons" and has called on other European Union countries to speed up additional support promised for search and rescue operations in the east Aegean Sea.

Greece is struggling to cope with a surge in arrivals, many fleeing the civil war in Syria and other conflicts, and the crossing is becoming increasingly deadly as winter approaches.

More than 60 people, half of them children, have died in the

past four days while trying to reach Lesbos and other Greek islands from the Turkish coast.

Most of the recent deaths have occurred in an 8-kilometer (5-mile) stretch of sea separating Turkey from the northern coast of Lesbos.

The head of the island's port authority, Coast Guard Lt. Cdr. Antonios Sofiadelis warned that smugglers were using increasingly dangerous tactics.

"Many of the boats are going for scrap and they use them for one last trip," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "Smugglers usually take the boats to the edge of Greek waters and then get picked up by speed boats. The people on the boats usually have no experience at sea."

Survivors describe horror as fire spread in Bucharest club

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—When the first sparks flew, the lead singer of Goodbye to Gravity joked that they weren't part of the heavy metal band's performance.

Moments later, flames spread quickly through the crowded basement club in downtown Bucharest, trapping many and triggering a stampede that would leave at least 27 people dead and 180 injured—making it the deadliest nightclub blaze in Romanian history.

Two of the band members were among the dead, while the lead singer was one of the many people who were treated in hospital for extensive burns. Witnesses said about 300 to 400 people, including

some children attending with their parents, were at the club, housed in a former factory, when a pyrotechnical show went awry. They said there was only one exit.

A spark on stage ignited some polystyrene decor, clubgoers told Digi 24 television. Photos posted on social media appeared to show a flame emanating from a pillar covered in foam insulation as those in the audience applauded the band.

The group, which was launching its new album "Mantras of War" Friday, had performed a song titled "This is the Day We Die" from their latest CD before the fire broke out, witnesses at the club said.

Hundreds of members of

Bucharest's medical community were mobilized in frantic efforts to save as many lives as possible. Bogdan Oprita, a spokesman for the Floreasca Emergency Hospital, said it was the worst bloodshed since the 1989 anti-Communist revolution.

"It was like a war," he said. "Dozens of surgeons were called from home and asked to operate."

Emergency worker Violeta Maria Naca, with 22 years of experience, described in a Facebook post how parents were kissing ambulances carrying their children, while others were hitting the vehicles begging to be transported to hospital.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Kerry says US troops in Syria will only fight Islamic State

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says American special operations troops being sent to Syria will only fight Islamic State militants and won't become involved in the long-running civil war. Kerry calls IS a threat to every nation and says U.S. policy is clear—the group must be defeated. Kerry isn't ruling out a further U.S. escalation of the fight, saying he can't predict the future. The Obama administration is sending up to 50 special operations troops to assist Kurdish and Arab forces in northern Syria. It's the first pledge of American military boots on the ground in Syria.

FBI: No evidence bomb caused blast on Maldives leader's boat

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—There is no evidence that last month's explosion aboard the Maldivian president's boat was caused by a bomb, the FBI said, contracting government allegations that have led to the arrest of the country's vice president and deepened the turmoil in the Indian Ocean archipelago. The Maldives' government has accused Vice president Ahmed

Health & Fitness

EPA may ban common pesticide used on fruits and vegetables

WASHINGTON (AP)—A common pesticide used on citrus fruits, almonds and other crops would be banned under a proposal announced Friday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The proposal would prohibit use of chlorpyrifos, a widely used insecticide that is sprayed on a variety of crops including oranges, apples, cherries, grapes, broccoli and asparagus.

The pesticide, in use since 1965, has sickened dozens of farmworkers in recent years. Traces have been found in waterways, threatening fish, and regulators say overuse could make targeted insects immune to the pesticide.

U.S. farms use more than 6 million pounds of the chemical each year—about 25 percent of it in California.

The EPA said it will take public comments on the proposal for at least two months, with a final rule expected in December 2016. The rule would not take effect until 2017 at the earliest.

The EPA said in a written statement that its current analysis does not suggest risks from exposure to chlorpyrifos in food. But when those exposures are combined with estimated exposure from drinking water in



In this photo taken Oct. 5, 2014, apples are displayed at a farmers market in Arlington, Va. A common pesticide used on citrus fruits, almonds and other crops would be banned under a proposal announced Friday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

state restrictions, arguing that misuse of the pesticide by some groups should not lead to widespread limits.

Joel Nelson, president of the California Citrus Mutual, a trade association that represents citrus producers, said regulators in his state want to apply a “broad-brush approach” that he called unfair. Alternative pesticides exist, but Nelson said they’re not as effective and are more expensive.

Veena Singla, a scientist

with NRDC’s health and environment program, said farm workers and rural communities “continue to be in harm’s way” from the millions of pounds of chlorpyrifos applied to agricultural fields in California and other states.

The EPA’s announcement “is a huge step in the right direction, but we think there’s enough evidence to ban all its uses now,” Singla said.

CropLife America, a trade group that represents pesticide producers, called the proposed ban a “drastic and unnecessary step that is caused by wasteful, agenda-driven litigation” filed by environmental groups.

“We are confident that due legal and scientific process will make this proposed action unnecessary,” said Jay Vroom, the group’s president.

certain watersheds, “EPA cannot conclude that the risk from aggregate exposure meets the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act safety standard,” the statement said.

The EPA banned home use of chlorpyrifos in 2000 and placed “no-spray” buffer zones around sensitive sites, such as schools, in 2012.

But environmental and public

health groups say those proposals don’t go far enough.

The Natural Resources Defense Council and other groups filed a federal lawsuit seeking a national ban on chlorpyrifos. The advocacy groups say the pesticide interferes with brain development of fetuses, infants and children.

California’s agricultural industry has pushed back against

Medicare to cover end-of-life counseling

WASHINGTON (AP)—Medicare said Friday it will pay doctors to help patients plan what kind of care they want at the end of life, an idea more broadly accepted than six years ago when it touched off a political uproar about “death panels.”

The policy change was urged by numerous physician and health groups. Some doctors provide this “advance care planning” to their patients without getting paid for the counseling time, and some private insurers already reimburse for it.

But the Obama administration’s policy change could make the talks more common among about 55 million Medicare beneficiaries.

The rule, proposed last summer and finalized Friday as part of broader doctor-payment regulations, takes effect Jan. 1. The counseling is entirely voluntary, and could take place during seniors’ annual

wellness visit or during regular office visits.

“As a physician and a son, I personally know how important these discussions are for patients and families,” Dr. Patrick Conway, Medicare’s chief medical officer, said in an interview. “We believe patients and families deserve the opportunity to discuss these issues with their physician and care team.”

Most Americans say they’d prefer to die at home, with treatment to free them from pain. But the landmark “Dying in America” report from the prestigious Institute of Medicine found the reality too often is unwanted invasive care and not enough comfort, in part because too few people make their wishes known to their doctors and loved ones.

The movement toward what’s called advance care planning also reflects that this isn’t just an issue for people who already are seriously ill, but a process that may prompt

different decisions at different stages of life. Involving a doctor in those decisions can help people fully understand their options. A relatively healthy person might want all-out efforts to resuscitate them after an accident, for example, but if diagnosed with advanced cancer, might make different decisions as their health gradually worsened.

Medicare decided not to limit how often such counseling could take place, Conway said, in part because of feedback from doctors and the public that people may need repeat counseling as their health needs change.

“If you made a choice and you become more ill, you might want to have the discussion again,” Conway explained. “For some patients, it may need to occur multiple times in a year if they’re quite ill and their circumstances may change. For other patients, they may not need this service at all in a year.”

Study: Racial gap in breast cancer diagnoses has closed

NEW YORK (AP)—For decades, breast cancer has been less common in black women than white women, yet killed black women at a higher rate.

One of those gaps has finally closed. Unfortunately for black women, it’s the first one.

A new report suggests black and white women are now being diagnosed with breast cancer at the same rate, because diagnoses have grown more common in black women while the white rate has leveled off.

Meanwhile, the death gap actually widened.

“It’s a terrible situation” for black women, said the lead author of the new report, Carol DeSantis of the American Cancer Society.

The article was published electronically Thursday in CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians.

The findings are based in part on historical data from cancer case registries in nine parts of the country. Together, the areas represent about 9 percent of U.S. population.

In 2012, the black and white rates converged at around 135 cases per 100,000 women, the researchers found. A decade earlier, the white rate was 132 and the black rate down at 124.

Experts think white women have had higher rates for several reasons. One is more white women waited longer in life until they have children, and science suggests earlier childbirth is associated with a lower risk of de-

veloping breast cancer later on.

But while the white rate leveled off, the black rate continued to creep up. Researchers don’t exactly know why.

Stepped-up screening in some parts of the country may be a factor. But the researchers say the leading theory has to do with obesity.

In older women, being obese is tied to a higher risk of developing breast cancer. And obesity rates are higher in black women and have been rising more dramatically.

The researchers looked at other data and saw seven states where black women had higher rates of newly diagnosed breast cancer than white women. Nearly all were in the South, where obesity rates are particularly high.

Personal Trainer

Massage heals with human touch

Many people with painful, chronic conditions seek the help of a massage therapist; some basic facts about massage therapy:

What happens?

- 1 Therapist discusses your reasons for getting a massage, physical and medical condition
- 2 You remove clothing to your level of comfort
- 3 Session normally lasts for 30 to 90 minutes

What are its effects?



Circulation

- Increases blood and lymph circulation
- Makes blood vessels dilate



Muscles

- Loosens tight, shortened muscles; stimulates weak, loose muscles
- After exercise, speeds muscles’ recovery



Metabolism

- Stimulates digestive juices, saliva and urine
- Speeds body’s removal of nitrogen, lactic acid, other wastes



Nervous system

- Therapist adjusts massage to soothe or stimulate nerves, depending on which is needed

Source: American Massage Therapy Association
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap - Tribune News Service



Life & Style

Family builds Star Wars costume for son with cerebral palsy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A Star Wars-loving Utah family devised an elaborate and awe-inspiring solution to the challenge of finding a Halloween costume for their 5-year-old son with cerebral palsy.

Chantelle and Patrick Bailey built a detailed replica of the Millennium Falcon that fits around Sebastian Bailey's walker. It is made of corrugated plastic with a wood foundation. It features blue lights in the back and headlights in the front to match the famous spaceship.

On top near Sebastian's arm is a small black apparatus with a big yellow button called a speech button. It's what Sebastian uses to communicate since he can't talk. For the costume, they've programmed it with his older brother saying, "trick or treat" interspersed with some of Han Solo's iconic one-liners from the Star Wars movie, such as "Sure hope the old man got that tractor beam out of commission, or this is gonna be a real short trip. Ok, hit it!"

Sebastian will go trick-or-treating in it dressed as Han Solo. His older brother, Holden, 8, is dressed as Luke Skywalker and their parents will go as R2-D2 and Chewbacca. But the Baileys couldn't persuade their two daughters, Eden, 9, and Ava, 3, to join the theme. Eden insisted on being a bee and Ava Spiderman.

Chantelle Bailey said she and

her husband stayed up late nearly every night for three weeks after their four children were asleep to build the spaceship. They did the sawing, drawing and gluing in the kitchen, so they could watch TV. At first, she assigned the job to her husband, but she quickly realized it would be a two-person job.

It wasn't their first foray into elaborate Halloween costume-making. Two years ago, they

built the red phone booth where Clark Kent becomes Super Man to go around Sebastian's walker.

Sebastian debuted his personal Millennium Falcon on Tuesday at a trunk and treat event at their church. It was a hit, with people giving Sebastian high fives and pats on the back all night, Chantelle Bailey said. He'll wear it again Saturday to go trick or treating in their neighborhood in the Salt Lake

City suburb of Sandy.

"It makes it easier for other kids to approach him," she said. "He's happy. He likes to hit the button."

People are already asking what they'll do next year for an encore, but Chantelle Bailey says this might be their final act. Sebastian is starting to walk a bit on his own, she said.

"Maybe he won't need one next year," she said.



In this Oct. 27, 2015 photo provided by Chantelle Bailey, she and her husband Patrick pose with their children, from left, Holden, Eden, Sebastian, and Ava, 3 in their Halloween costumes in Sandy, Utah. AP

Roman Polanski 'very happy' with Polish court ruling

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Poland cannot extradite filmmaker Roman Polanski to the U.S. on a charge that he had sex with a minor nearly four decades ago, a judge ruled Friday, a decision that could finally close the case in the country where the Oscar-winning director grew up and still makes movies.

"I can breathe now with relief," Polanski told reporters in Krakow, where the case was heard. "I pleaded guilty. I went to prison. I have done my penalty. The case is closed."

The Polish prosecutor who argued for extradition on behalf of the United States did not immediately say whether there would be an appeal.

The victim in the case has repeatedly called for the prosecution to be dropped.

Judge Dariusz Mazur, who ruled in Krakow, where Polanski has his apartment, said the case was very complicated but an extradition would violate Polanski's human rights because he could be held in confinement while it was happening.

"I find no rational answer to the question: What is the real point of the U.S. extradition request?" said Mazur, who spent more than two hours explaining his reasoning in the court.

Polanski's attorneys had argued that the U.S. request was legally flawed and contended he had already served prison time under a plea-bargain deal with a Los Angeles judge.

Polanski was initially charged on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, but was allowed to plead guilty in 1977 to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl during a photo shoot in Los Angeles.

In exchange, the judge agreed to drop the other charges and sentenced him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation. Polanski was released after 42 days by an evaluator who deemed him mentally sound and unlikely to offend again.

The California judge then said he was going to send Polanski back to prison for the remainder of the 90 days and that afterward he would ask Polanski to agree to a "voluntary deportation." Polanski fled from the United States on Feb. 1, 1978, the day he was scheduled to be sentenced to the additional time.

Mazur said Polanski served his punishment in the U.S., and later for 10 months—partly under house arrest—in Switzer-

land in 2009 and 2010, when the U.S. unsuccessfully sought his extradition from there.

Mazur found that U.S. judges and prosecutors violated legal procedures, broke the 1977 plea deal, denied Polanski the right to a proper defense and appeared biased. He said Polanski had reason to fear he would be sentenced to more than the remaining 48 days.

Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey said she was

disappointed with the ruling, but it was up to the U.S. State Department to decide whether to pursue an appeal.

She said she'll continue to pursue justice in the case as long as she's district

attorney "because justice has never been served."

"It just isn't fair to allow someone with resources to escape justice for so long," Lacey said.

Polanski was not in court for the ruling, but followed live TV coverage. The 83-year-old appeared exhausted and thin when he spoke to reporters afterward.

"I am glad that I have trusted Poland's justice system," he said. "I knew it would end well ... Listening to the court today I was really moved because I had not imagined the judge would know the case in such detail, with all the dates quoted correctly. There was not one mistake."

He said he now needs to return to working on a movie he is planning to shoot in Warsaw.

"This case held up everything for a year," Polanski said. "Now we need to pick up the pieces and put them together."

An attorney representing Samantha Geimer, the victim in the case, said the ruling should be the end of it.

"Both the judicial systems of Poland and Switzerland are able to do what the judicial system of the United States seems unable to do, and that is put the matter behind us," said attorney Lawrence Silver.

The Associated Press does not typically name sex abuse victims, but Geimer has publicly identified herself in court filings, interviews and a memoir.

Polanski lives in Paris, but is a celebrity in Poland, where he spent his World War II childhood and studied filmmaking. His father helped him escape the Krakow ghetto, but then was an inmate in the Nazi German Mauthausen concentration camp, while his mother died in the Auschwitz death camp.

GOP suspends partnership with NBC News for February debate

NEW YORK (AP)—Still annoyed by CNBC's handling of this week's presidential debate, the Republican National Committee said Friday that it was suspending its partnership with NBC News and its properties on a primary debate scheduled for February.

NBC News said it was disappointed in the development and will work to resolve the issue with the GOP.

It was unclear in the letter from RNC Chairman Reince Priebus to NBC News chief Andrew Lack whether the party would forbid NBC from televising the Feb. 26 debate and open up the broadcast rights to others. The debate was expected to be telecast on NBC and its Spanish-language partner, Telemundo.

Priebus' letter also comes amid the backdrop of the individual campaign organizations planning a meeting Sunday to air out grievances about the debate process and suggest changes—a meeting that is pointedly excluding the Republican National Committee.

Republicans were angered by

what they characterized as petty, non-substantive questions by debate moderators Carl Quintanilla, Becky Quick and John Harwood designed to embarrass the candidates. Harwood asked Donald Trump whether he was running a "comic-book version of a presidential campaign."

Jeb Bush was asked to explain why his campaign was doing so poorly in the polls, Carly Fiorina was asked why Americans should hire her when she had been fired by Hewlett-Packard and Marco Rubio was asked if he should "slow down, get a few things done first" before running for president.

Priebus said candidates were also promised an opening question on economic matters; instead candidates were asked to outline their greatest weakness. He also said not enough was done to ensure candidates received relatively equal time on the air; Bush campaign officials reportedly complained to CNBC while the debate was going on that their candidate was not getting enough time. CNBC and some of the candidates also argued prior to the

debate about its length.

The Trump campaign said on Friday it supported the committee's decision.

"We look forward to pursuing alternatives along with the RNC to ensure candidates are given ample opportunity to outline their vision for the future of our country," said campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks.

During a rally Thursday in Nevada, Trump suggested that Republican debate moderators be required to prove that they vote Republican. "Why should we have these people that hate everything we stand for?" he asked.

Carson campaign spokesman Doug Watts declined to comment on the RNC's decision, but said that Sunday's meeting is going forward as planned.

"Censoring the press couldn't be further from our minds," Watt said. "Dictating the questioners or the questions couldn't be further from our minds. We suggest that they be more substance-based and not gotcha-based, not trick questions, but policy- and issue-based. That's the only thing from our perspective and I believe the

other campaigns'."

The campaigns have been fuming over the RNC's handling of the debates, expressing frustrations that they've been excluded from participating in discussions over their terms. The tensions boiled over in the days leading to the CNBC debate, prompting Carson and Trump's campaigns to threaten to boycott unless their demands were met.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials said it was "extremely disappointed" by the RNC's decision, given NBC's partnership with Telemundo. Relations between Republicans and Latino voters were already strained over Trump's comments on immigration.

Telemundo was the only Spanish-language partner for a Republican debate, the group said, and it is vital for the candidates to address the concerns of Latino voters.

While cutting NBC out of the process, the RNC said it still intended to have a debate that day with its other partner, the conservative National Review.

Ex-N.W.A. manager sues over 'Straight Outta Compton' film

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former N.W.A. manager Jerry Heller filed a multimillion dollar defamation lawsuit Friday over the hit film "Straight Outta Compton," claiming it portrayed him as a villain who led to the breakup of the gangster rap group.

Heller, who is portrayed in the film by Paul Giamatti, sued former N.W.A. members Ice Cube and Dr. Dre, the widow of rapper Eazy-E, and NBC Universal, which released the film in August.

"Straight Outta Compton" was a hit, earning nearly \$160 million domestically in the first six weeks after it was released in August.

Heller claims the film portrays him as a villain who led to

the breakup of N.W.A., which launched the careers for Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, and sparked the rise in popularity of gangster rap. The film uses elements of a script that Heller commissioned, and violates his copyright in a memoir that included his description of key moments depicted in the film, the lawsuit states.

"The film is littered with false statements that harm the reputation of (Heller) and aim to ridicule and lower him in the opinion of the community and to deter third persons from associating or dealing with him," the lawsuit states.

Representatives for NBC Universal and Ice Cube declined comment. A publicist for Dr. Dre did not immediately re-

turn an email seeking comment.

Heller is suing Tomica Woods-Wright because he claims the film, which she helped produce, violates non-disparagement clauses in a settlement he reached with her in 1999. Woods-Wright could not be reached for comment.

Heller is seeking more than \$110 million, although a jury would determine any damage verdict.

AP
In this April 23, 2015 file photo, N.W.A. members Dr. Dre, left, and Ice Cube, two of the subjects of the upcoming biographical drama "Straight Outta Compton," salute the crowd after speaking at the Universal Pictures presentation during CinemaCon 2015 at Caesars Palace, in Las Vegas.



Q&A: On new album, Bocelli celebrates the music of movies



AP
In this Oct. 29, 2015 photo, Andrea Bocelli poses for a portrait in New York. Bocelli has released an album, "Cinema," which includes a duet with pop star Ariana Grande.

NEW YORK (AP)—Andrea Bocelli's new album "Cinema," a collection of songs from movies, is the culmination of a long-time dream.

The classically inspired singer fell in love with many songs as a child that he didn't know came from the movies.

Now he has gone back to his childhood memories and recorded some of those songs, including classics like "Moon River" and "Cheek to Cheek." Pop star Ariana Grande also appears on the song "E piu ti penso."

Bocelli, fresh off a performance for Pope Francis in Philadelphia and ahead of a U.S. tour in December, sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the album and more this week.

AP: Why an album of movie songs?

Bocelli: The music of the movies is a very inspired and free and beautiful music. It's a music of freedom—like a big field where the composers can gather and run wherever they

want. And, finally, it is inspired by emotion.

AP: You've had a real crossover career—alternating between classical and pop music. Is there a big difference in how you approach the different forms of singing?

Bocelli: I do my best in order to be a good inspiration for many people. There is a difference from the point of view of expression. Because when you sing opera you are very far from the people, you are on-stage, and between you and the people there is the orchestra. So you have to launch your emotions very, very far. When you sing pop, you are singing very close—the microphone is very close to your mouth. You can whisper your emotions into the microphone.

AP: What's your favorite movie song?

Bocelli: There are many masterpieces. I love very much for example "Moon River" (from "Breakfast at Tiffany's.") But I can't choose, it wouldn't be fair.

AP: You recently sang for Pope Francis in Philadelphia. What was that experience like?

Bocelli: The pope is a very special man. (Even) apart from religion, he's a wonderful soul.

AP: Did your children inherit a love of music from you? Can it be inherited?

Bocelli: Virginia, the last (youngest) one, sings every day. All day. The other two study piano. I think you do (inherit it), but also there's the possibility of educating people to listen to music. Because if you don't have the possibility of listening to music, you can't know if you love it.

AP: If you hadn't become a singer, what career would you have chosen?

Bocelli: I studied law, and I was ready to be a lawyer in my country (Italy). Probably it is better for many clients that I changed my direction! But I was happy to study and I was a good student, I finished my studies. And everything that you learn is useful in life.

Man's drunken behavior damages valued friendship

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with "Janet" for eight years. We have been very close, talk often, and go to lunch three times a month. We are like two peas in a pod and have always been honest with each other. Our relationship is open and aboveboard.

On a recent holiday, I went to her house for a party, got drunk and made an inappropriate comment to one of her friends, who had also had too much to drink. Janet called me out in front of the others, demanded I apologize, told me that what I had said was disrespectful, and said she doesn't want to see me again.

Abby, she tossed out an eight-year friendship over one comment. I don't understand. Do you?

STUPID GUY OUT WEST

DEAR GUY: Not knowing what you said, I can only guess it was so far off the charts that you offended not only the person to whom the comment was directed, but also Janet and the other guests at the party. She may have reacted the way she did because you have done similar things in the past. You will have a clearer understanding if you talk to her about it when you call to apologize.

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FEELING LEFT OUT

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My folks and single siblings let people know they were avail-

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able on Thanksgiving Day and were invited to the homes of other family or friends. As Mom grew older, the gathering became a potluck and other relatives were invited, including the in-laws who were not available on Thursday.

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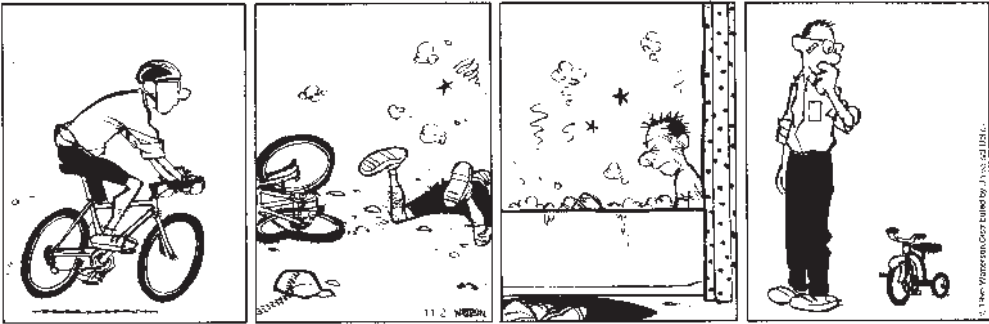
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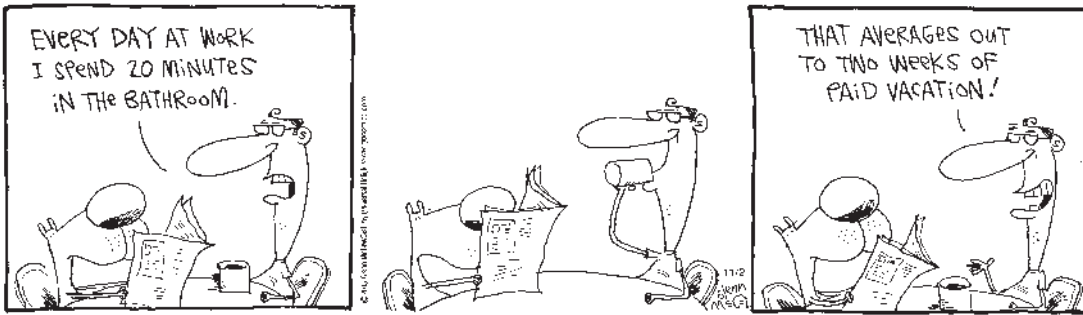
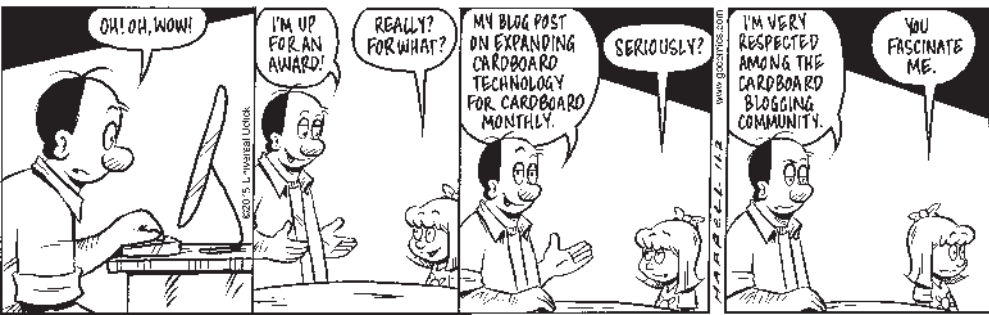
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Friday's answer 11-2

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Nelly, 41; David Schwimmer, 49; k.d. lang, 54; Stefanie Powers, 73.

Happy Birthday: This is your year to complete projects so that you can head into new territory both personally and professionally. Travel, romance and making your home an atmosphere that will stimulate and inspire you to connect with other people will bring you the most joy. Broaden your horizons and set your sights on achievement and satisfaction. Your numbers are 5, 11, 16, 23, 27, 36, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rely on your own resources when it comes to financial matters. Don't covet the things that you are unable to afford. A practical and disciplined attitude will help you budget wisely so that you can afford the extras you want. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learn as you go and be sure to give your all. Make adjustments at home that will counter any emotional mishaps. Add to your qualifications or revamp your resume to suit the current job market. Romance is highlighted. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to the facts or someone will accuse you of being misleading. Buckle down and take care of unfinished business. A chance to secure your position will be determined by the way you deal with your peers. Avoid indulgence. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't worry about the changes going on around you at work or within the indus-

try in which you work. Do your best to make sure everyone you love is content. A happy home will lead to peace of mind. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't sit back when you can make a career move that will help you raise your income or status. Not everyone will like the decisions you make, but take the path that leads to greater financial security and future opportunities. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have lots of people showing interest in what you do, but before you take a leap of faith, make sure your plans are solid. Start slow and don't jeopardize what you already have. Problems at home can be expected. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be fooled by someone using emotional tactics to persuade you to change your beliefs. Follow your gut feeling and use discipline to curb any desire to take the wrong path. Don't be a follower—be a leader. ★★

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Royals rally on Murphy's error, beat Mets, lead Series 3-1

NEW YORK (AP)—A charmed October for Eric Hosmer and the Kansas City Royals ended with one more comeback. Now, a win in November and they'll be World Series champions.

Second baseman Daniel Murphy's error on Hosmer's grounder in the eighth inning keyed another rally by the tenacious Royals, and Kansas City startled the New York Mets 5-3 Saturday night to take 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven matchup.

"There's just a belief amongst the guys that it doesn't matter what the score is, what the lead is, what the deficit is. The guys just believe that they're going to find a way to get it done," Kansas City starter Chris Young said.

Edinson Volquez returned Saturday from his father's funeral in the Dominican Republic and can pitch the Royals to their first crown in 30 years. He faces Matt Harvey in a rematch of Game 1, when Volquez went six innings just hours after his dad died.

Seemingly spooked by the raucous New York crowd early on Halloween, the Royals rallied for the seventh time in 10 postseason victories this year, this one from a 3-1 deficit.

The Royals set a major league record with their sixth postseason comeback from at least two runs down, STATS said.

"What they did tonight, is what they've been doing the whole playoffs," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

"It's a group of guys that have the utmost confidence in themselves. I don't think at any point these guys thought that they were going to lose tonight," he said.

Neither did a pocket of KC fans who clustered behind the Royals dugout after the final out, chanting loudly for their team.

Rookie Michael Conforto homered twice as the Mets built a lead, helped when right fielder Alex Rios lost track of the outs on a sacrifice fly.

But as the calendar was an hour from flipping to November, Murphy's amazing month slipped away. So did the Mets' best chance at evening the Se-

AP
New York Mets' Daniel Murphy reacts after missing a ball hit by Kansas City Royals' Mike Moustakas during the eighth inning of Game 4 of the Major League Baseball World Series Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015, in New York.



ries, done in by another Royals' do the job. That's the most frustrating surge.

"We certainly talked about it before, they truly don't ever stop," Mets manager Terry Collins said.

With runners on first and second on a pair of one-out walks by Tyler Clippard, Jeurys Familia relieved. So steady in his new role as closer this year, Familia had allowed Alex Gordon's ninth-inning, tying homer in a Game 1 loss.

This time, he came on with a 3-2 lead and got Hosmer to hit a soft grounder toward Murphy as 44,815 fans stood, waving their orange towels in hopes of an inning-ending double play.

But the slow chopper sneaked under the glove of the NL Championship Series MVP as he charged in. Murphy, who would've only had a play at first, appeared to glance at the runner and failed to get his mitt down. The ball rolled and rolled toward right field, and Ben Zobrist raced home from second base as Familia crouched on the mound.

"There's no way to describe it. It hurts when you feel like you got a direct hand in a ballgame," Murphy said. "I didn't

do the job. That's the most frustrating thing."

Surely no one in the silenced Citi Field stands expected this scary ending. It got worse for the Mets in a hurry, too.

Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez followed with RBI singles to break away.

"Hoz did a good job of putting the ball in play and make some things happen," Moustakas said. "It's just kind of how the ball bounced today. It kind of rolled right for us."

Ryan Madson pitched a perfect seventh for the win, and Wade Davis worked two scoreless innings for his first save. Clippard took the loss.

Not known for his defense, Murphy still made every play look easy in the NLCS and almost single-handedly slugged the Mets to their first World Series since 2000 with seven homers in nine playoff games. He's lost his power in the Fall Classic but had a one-out infield single in the ninth.

Yoenis Cespedes followed with another single, but he was doubled off first base when Lucas Duda hit an easy liner to third base and Moustakas tossed it to

first to finish off another incredible comeback for the Royals.

Kansas City looked as if it was under a spell in the first few innings, though, in falling behind 2-0 in the third.

Alcides Escobar started off this game much the same way he has all postseason—with a hit—albeit on the fourth pitch from Mets hometown rookie Steven Matz.

But Escobar was then ruled out on batter's interference when Zobrist was fooled by a sinker for strike three, his swing carrying him in front of catcher Travis d'Arnaud, who was trying to throw to second base as Escobar was attempting a steal.

The Mets had about as much success against their former teammate Young for the first couple of innings as they had in Game 1, when the 6-foot-10 Princeton grad held them hitless for the final three of the Royals' 14-inning win.

Conforto changed that with the first swing of the third inning, sending a drive the first pitch deep into the second deck in right field for his third hit in 23 at-bats this postseason.

Things got weird after that.

Wilmer Flores singled, advanced to second on Young's 55-

foot pitch in the dirt and went to third on Matz's sacrifice. Curtis Granderson lifted a fly to shallow right and Rios caught the ball. But he took several steps toward the dugout before center fielder Lorenzo Cain shouted at him as Flores tagged. Rios' throw was late, the Mets led 2-0, and Rios

Murphy's misplay dearly costs Mets, now down 3-1 in Series

NEW YORK (AP)—For a month, most everything Daniel Murphy touched seemed to turn out great for the New York Mets.

It's what he didn't touch—or barely nicked, at best—that dearly cost him and his team in Game 4 of the World Series.

The second baseman let a grounder get under his glove in the eighth inning and the Kansas City Royals quickly pounced for three runs, beating the Mets 5-3 Saturday night to take a 3-1 lead.

"There's no way to describe it. It hurts when you feel like you got a direct hand in a ballgame," Murphy said.

"I didn't do the job. That's the most frustrating thing," he said.

Murphy came into the World Series on a tear, having homered in a record six straight postseason games. The NL Championship Series MVP had also made every play in the field, belying his reputation as a boxy fielder and boosting his value as a free agent-to-be.

Since then, Murphy has severely struggled. He's just 3 for 17 at the plate, with only singles.

The error, though, that really wrecked him and the Mets.

Down 3-2, the Royals put runners on first and second with two outs in the eighth. After closer Jeurys Familia relieved, Eric Hosmer hit a chopper toward a charging Murphy—it was hit too slowly for a double play, and his lone option was getting one out at first.

Instead, his glove came up

stood frozen with a hand on his hip in right field.

"It's a mental mistake," Rios said. "But what do you do? You can't just put your head down. You have to compete. If you put your head down, you're done."

The Royals challenged the run, saying Flores left early. Replay review umpire Bill Welke ruled the call stood.

Things took a turn for Kansas City—didn't it always seem to this October?—when Alex Gordon singled home Perez in the fifth to get a run back.

Conforto pushed the lead back to two runs in the bottom half with his second long ball, a drive off Danny Duffy into the Mets' bullpen. Conforto became the first rookie to connect twice in the World Series since Atlanta's Andruw Jones did it at Yankee Stadium in 1996.

The Royals, though, merely needed a little grounder to change the Series momentum.

"This game will show you something new every day," Duffy said. "I feel like I've said that about a thousand times this postseason and it's what makes this game beautiful. It's what makes this game great. We find ways to win however we can."

and the ball stayed down. The sellout crowd at Citi Field gasped as it rolled into right field as Ben Zobrist raced home with the tying run.

Mike Moustakas followed with a go-ahead single and, with the fans sitting in stunned silence, Salvador Perez singled for an insurance run.

"It's part of the game," Familia said. "For me, I just try to be focused, try to get another groundball, try to forget. Because Murphy, he's one of the best players we have here."

"It just happens," he said.

Rather than evening the Series, the Mets now need to win three in a row.

"We're down 3-1," Murphy said. "We've got to get ready for tomorrow. I know it's cliché, but we've been in every game. The mistakes like the mistake I made tonight? That's a good club and they make you pay for it. I wish I would've caught it."

Murphy got a hit in the ninth but with two on, Lucas Duda hit a soft liner that Moustakas caught, and the third baseman's throw across the diamond doubled off Yoenis Cespedes to end it.

"Daniel Murphy didn't lose this for us. This was a collective team loss," Mets third baseman David Wright said. "There was dozens of things we could've done better in this game to win this game. They way that Daniel Murphy's been playing, the way that he's put this offense on his back at times, Daniel Murphy did not lose this game. We lost this game as a team."

Royals' Volquez to start possible clincher after dad's death

NEW YORK (AP)—Edinson Volquez will have his dad on his mind Sunday night when he tries to pitch the Kansas City Royals to their first World Series title in 30 years.

Volquez's father, 63-year-old Daniel Volquez, died of heart failure hours before the right-hander started the opener Tuesday. Volquez said he got the news after Kansas City's 5-4, 14-inning win, then flew home to the Dominican Republic.

He returned Saturday just before the start of Game 4, when the Royals rallied for a 5-3 win over the New York Mets and a 3-1 World Series lead.

"I wish he could be here

right now and enjoy every game that I pitch," Volquez said. "And tomorrow I'm going to be thinking of my mom, and the rest of my family is going to be so happy to see me pitch. My mom told me before I got here: 'Go over there and enjoy the game like you always do and be proud. We are proud of you.'"

Volquez said he played catch a little bit on Friday. He wore a hooded sweat shirt in the Kansas City dugout during Game 4, and he may have his father's name with him on the Citi Field mound.

"Inside my hat—put it inside my hat or in my glove," he said.

"I haven't done it yet, but tomorrow maybe I will."

Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas, Chris Young and the rest of the Royals greeted Volquez when he returned.

"Every one of us gave him a big hug. We love the dude. He's our brother," pitcher Danny Duffy said. "Under the circumstances I don't know if I'd be strong enough but he's an amazing teammate, an amazing human being."

Volquez allowed three runs over six innings in a no-decision in the opener, and Royals manager Ned Yost did not hesitate to select him for Game 5.

"He's worked so hard to get

to this point," Yost said. "And it was like (teammate) Chris Young when his dad passed away. Chris just knew how proud his dad was of him and that his dad would want him to carry on. His dad would want him to be on that mound and helping his team win. And I imagine that Edi's dad would want the same thing."

Volquez said his family made the correct decision when they elected not to break the news before Tuesday's start.

"If my wife told me," he said, "I don't even know if I'm going to be able to pitch. She decided to tell me later. And I think that was the right choice."

Curry's big 3rd quarter leads Warriors past Pelicans



NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Stephen Curry scored 53 points, taking over the game with a 28-point third quarter, and unbeaten Golden State defeated winless New Orleans 134-120 to ruin the Pelicans' home opener Saturday night.

Curry outscored the Pelicans by two points in the third period, giving the reigning NBA MVP a career-high for scoring in a quarter. It gave the Warriors a 105-91 lead.

Curry wound up shooting 17 of 27 from the field, including 8 of 14 from 3-point range, to go with nine assists and four steals. Five of his 3s were from between 27 and 31 feet.

Draymond Green scored 21 points and Klay Thompson added 19 for defending champion Golden State, which has won its first three games this season.

Anthony Davis had 26 points, 15 rebounds and two blocks for the injury-depleted Pelicans, who have lost their first three games under new coach Alvin Gentry.

Knicks 117, Wizards 110

In Washington, Carmelo Anthony scored 37 points and New York spoiled Washington's home opener.

Anthony hit a jumper with 1:35 to play to give New York a 108-106 lead. Langston Galloway added a 3-pointer with 1:03 left to make it 111-106.

Anthony added two free throws with 20.4 seconds left for a 113-110 lead.

Washington failed to start a season 3-0 for the first time since 2005-06.

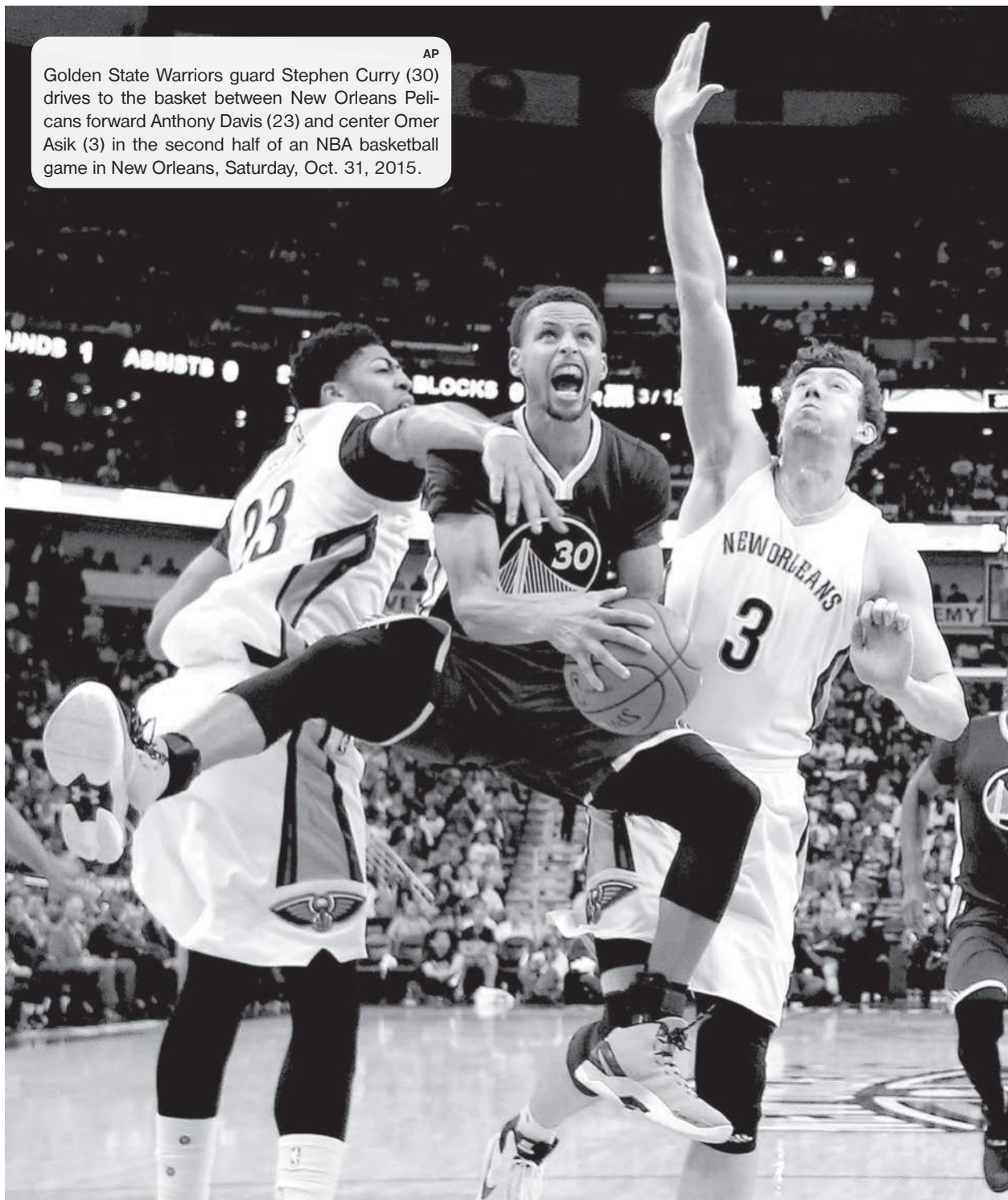
Bradley Beal had 22 of his 26 points in the second half for Washington, while John Wall added 25.

The Knicks (2-1) won their second road game of the season. They won a total of seven road games last season.

Grizzlies 101, Nets 91

In Memphis, Tenn., Mike Conley scored 22 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, and had eight assists to lead Memphis.

Conley, who was 7 of 12 from the field, including 4 of 7 from outside



AP
Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives to the basket between New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) and center Omer Asik (3) in the second half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015.

the arc, scored his 10 straight points to hold off the Nets who were trying to rally from a double-digit fourth-quarter deficit.

Zach Randolph and Courtney Lee scored 15 points each for Memphis with Randolph grabbing 13 rebounds.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points and Jarrett Jack finished with 15 for the Nets (0-3). Brook Lopez had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Memphis held its largest lead of the game at 88-72 with 7:42 left. But Brooklyn cut the deficit to 92-84, as

close as the Nets would get.

Jazz 97, Pacers 76

In Indianapolis, Derrick Favors scored 18 points and Utah outscored Indiana by 28 in the second half.

The Pacers led for almost the entire

first half, but tables turned in the third quarter when Utah outscored Indiana 28-12 after trailing by seven at half-time. The Jazz (2-1) led by nine points at the end of the third quarter and by as many as 21 in the fourth quarter.

George Hill scored 17 points and Paul George added 16 for Indiana (0-3), which has lost the lead in the third quarter and given up a total of 189 points in the second half of its three games this season.

Rodney Hood had 17 points for Utah, while Trey Burke had 15, Gordon Hayward 11 and Alec Burks and Joe Ingles added 10 each.

Clippers 114, Kings 109

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 37 points, nine rebounds and six assists to lead the Clippers.

J.J. Redick added 23 points and Chris Paul had 17 points and 11 assists for the Clippers, who won their fifth straight and 18th in the last 21 meetings with the Kings. The streak includes a 111-104 win at Sacramento last Wednesday in the season opener for both clubs.

DeAndre Jordan had 15 points and 18 rebounds for the Clippers, who are off to their first 3-0 start since winning their first four games in 2007-08.

Rajon Rondo had 21 points and eight assists and Rudy Gay added 20 points for the Kings, while DeMarcus Cousins had 13 points and nine rebounds, but was limited to 15 minutes because of a sore right Achilles. Seven-foot center Willie Cauley-Stein, the team's first-round draft pick, had eight points and nine rebounds.

Suns 101, Trail Blazers 90

In Portland, Ore., Eric Bledsoe scored 33 points, one shy of his career high, to lead Phoenix to its second win over Portland in as many nights.

On Friday in Phoenix, Bledsoe had 22 points as the Suns prevailed 110-92.

Damian Lillard had 23 points for the Blazers and CJ McCollum added 15.

Tyson Chandler, signed by the Suns in the offseason, had 15 points and 13 rebounds in the win on Friday, but had five points and 11 rebounds in Portland.

Mel Daniels, Hall of Fame center with Pacers, dies at 71

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Mel Daniels, the Hall of Fame center who helped the Indiana Pacers win three American Basketball Association titles, died Friday. He was 71.

The Pacers said Daniels died in Sheridan, Indiana.

"The tremendous outpouring of prayers being sent our way is overwhelming," CeCe Daniels, his widow, said in a statement. "We are so grateful for all the love. His charisma, poise and passion for life—be it horses, basketball or friends—is a template for us all, his family and his fans."

The ABA's MVP in 1968-69 and 1970-71, Daniels was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012. The Pacers retired Daniels' No. 34 jersey in 1985.

"I am saddened by the news that Mel Daniels has passed away," said Larry Bird, the Pacers' president of basketball operations. "I have known him since I was in college and he was one of my coaches. His competitive attitude reflected his success on the floor



AP
In this April 2, 2012, file photo, Mel Daniels reacts after being introduced as an Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee at a news conference in New Orleans.

with the Pacers and the ultimate recognition, a well-deserved induction into the Hall of Fame."

The 6-foot-9 former star at New Mexico was the ABA's Rookie of the Year in 1967-68 with the Minnesota Muskies. He was traded to Indiana the following season and played on championship squads in 1970, '72 and '73, teaming with Roger Brown, Freddie Lewis, Darnell Hillman, George McGinnis and Bob Netolicky under Hall of Fame coach Bobby "Slick" Leonard.

"We've lost a great one," Leonard said.

Gregarious and engaging with a vise-grip on his handshake, Daniels averaged 18.7 points and 15.1 rebounds in 628 regular-season games in eight seasons in the ABA with Minnesota, Indiana and Memphis. In 109 playoff games, he averaged 17.4 points and 14.9 rebounds. He spent a season in Italy, and played 11 games in the NBA for the New York Nets in 1976-77.

"He was so friendly and kind to everyone," said Terry Kunze, a teammate in Minnesota. "But when the game started, he was a warrior."

He was a four-time All-ABA selection, seven-time All-Star, led the

league in rebounding three times and holds the league record with 9,494 career rebounds.

"Words cannot express the depth of my sadness today," said former Pacers great Reggie Miller, also a Hall of Famer. "Mel Daniels was a father figure, brother, consigliere, but most of all 'My Uncle Mel.' He helped raise me into the man I am. I hope I made him proud in everything I tried to do on, but more importantly off, the basketball court."

Daniels later was an assistant coach, executive and scout with the Pacers, and was an avid horseman.

"Mel was a great friend of mine the whole time I've been in Indiana," said Donnie Walsh, the Pacers' longtime president and current consultant. "He was a big part of the history of the Indiana Pacers. You always knew where Mel stood. He was a great competitor and poet. He was just getting ready to release a book of poems. I loved Mel. I will miss him."

Daniels was an assistant coach at Indiana State—where he rejoined former New Mexico coach Bob King—during Bird's years at the school.

Daniels averaged 20.0 points and 11.1 rebounds in three seasons at New Mexico. He was selected ninth overall by the NBA's Cincinnati Royals in 1967, but went to the ABA with the Muskies.

"Mel was one of the greatest Lobos of all time," New Mexico coach Craig Neal said. "He played for Coach King and started the basketball tradition here, with his teams playing the first years in The Pit."

Daniels grew up Detroit and starred at Pershing High School.

The Pacers will have a tribute and moment of silence before their game Saturday night against Utah.

"I join our extended Pacers family in offering my sincerest condolences to CeCe and Mel's family," Pacers owner Herb Simon said in a statement. "We will miss him greatly, but when we look at that Hall of Fame banner in Bankers Life Fieldhouse, we will be forever reminded of what he meant to this franchise."

In addition to his wife, Daniels is survived by son Mel Daniels Jr., granddaughters Trisstan and Chloe, and sisters Vivian and Wanda.

Olympian Pangelinan to join Marianas PaddleFest



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Olympic paddler Sean Pangelinan of Guam will be gracing the Marianas PaddleFest Series set on Nov. 7 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan’s beachside.

SIS

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in the second, 25-20, to take the automatic triumph. In the third set, SIS 2 prevailed anew, 15-9. The win against Agape in the boys high school division was the Geckos’ second against the former. Last week, SIS 1 visited Agape and also swept its foe.

SIS 1 played, too, last Thursday and defeated sister team SIS 3. One more high school division match took place last Thursday with Mt. Carmel School winning over Grace Christian Academy at the former’s home turf. The GCA Eagles’ middle school team, on the other hand, was victorious on their home court in Navy Hill after downing Seventh Day Adventist. Finals scores of these three matches, along with the two other co-ed middle school games were unavailable at press time.

RED RICE

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nailed the putback to keep his team in the game, 91-93, 3.5 seconds left in the match. It was Red Rice’s turn to call a timeout next and they nearly lost possession after the breather as Danray Chan’s inbound pass to Barbo was slightly tapped away by Peredo. However, Barbo kept his composure and the ball, forcing Peredo to give up another

Pangelinan won’t be competing but instead will be conducting a free paddling clinic to all registered participants for the second event organized by OceanSoul Unlimited and Windsurfing Saipan. The 28-year-old, who grew

The two other middle school matches were played at Whispering Palms and MCS Gym. Whispering Palms hosted Saipan Community School 1, while SCS’ second team visited the Knights in Chalan Kanoa.

Meanwhile, action in the COPSSA volleyball league will resume tomorrow with six games to take place in five different venues.

At SCS’ court in Susupe, SCS 1 will face Agape, while SCS 2 will go to Whispering Palms for another co-ed middle school pairing. Over at SDA court in Chalan Kiya, the host will challenge Mt. Carmel, while GCA will visit the Geckos for a showdown against SIS 1.

In the high school division, the SIS 1 will square off against GCA in the boys play at SIS, while the Eagles will host SIS 1 in the girls matchup. Games will start at 3:30pm.

preemptive foul down to the last .07 of a second. Barbo made the first free throw and intentionally missed the second one to secure the championship for Red Rice.

Yesterday’s finale was a close game with neither team able to lead by double figures. Red Rice had the biggest lead early in the third, 60-52, but Peredo sparked a 10-2 run to tie the match. Red Rice, however, regained its footing in the closing minutes of the

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Guam paddler Sean Pangelinan will share tips and other techniques that earned him an Olympic berth. Pangelinan will be on Saipan this weekend to take part in the Marianas PaddleFest Series to promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

up in Yona, will be giving tips and other paddling techniques as well as paddling specific fitness.

He represented Guam in the XXIX Beijing Olympics in 2008 in the men’s singles flatwater canoeing events where he reached the semifinals of the 500m and owing to a bad start, was 10 seconds behind in earning another semis berth in the 1000m.

Pangelinan came in seventh with a time of 2:12.696 in the preliminaries of the 500m to advance to the semis where he was five seconds slower of his quali-

fying time to end up at ninth. He clocked 4:49.284 for eighth place in the 1,000m event where he lagged behind in the early goings of the race to miss a semifinals berth by 10 seconds behind Angola’s Fortunato Luis Pacavira’s 4:39.538.

Pangelinan started his paddling career in Guam’s inter-scholastic sports program and tried flatwater canoeing when he was a high school senior. He is now based in San Diego, California where he manages own fitness gym, The FitLab.

The second edition of the PaddleFest held its last practice round yesterday with the actual racing event set on Saturday also at Hyatt’s beachfront.

Last June, 55 joined the inaugural racing event. This time a masters division (over 50), relay event, and longer distance course are some of the events

added by the organizers in the second series.

At least five entries are needed in the masters, while the relay event includes a beach run for each member of the three-person team. The long distance course will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, where a minimum of 10 entries and is open to paddlers Over-17.

The board length required for the races is limited to 12 feet and paddling equipment—boards and paddles—are available for only \$5 through WindSurfing Saipan at Hyatt’s beachside.

Registration is still open at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/marianas-paddlefest-race-2-registration-18710063303> or at WindSurfing Saipan. For more information, email oceansoulunlimited@gmail.com.

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sion and Education Service, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Wind-Surfing Saipan, Bank of Hawaii, Triple J Enterprises, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, KKMP 92.1, Saipan Apparel, Kialoa Paddles, Infinity SUP, Better Surf Than Sorry, and JET Holdings are supporting the event.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	2	0	1.000	—
New York	2	1	.667	½
Boston	1	1	.500	1
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2
Brooklyn	0	3	.000	2½

Southeast Division				
Atlanta	2	1	.667	—
Washington	2	1	.667	—
Miami	1	1	.500	½
Charlotte	0	2	.000	1½
Orlando	0	2	.000	1½

Central Division				
Detroit	3	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1
Milwaukee	0	2	.000	2½
Indiana	0	3	.000	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Memphis	2	1	.667	—
Dallas	1	1	.500	½
San Antonio	1	1	.500	½
Houston	0	2	.000	1½
New Orleans	0	3	.000	2

Northwest Division				
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Oklahoma City	2	0	1.000	—
Utah	2	1	.667	½
Denver	1	1	.500	1
Portland	1	2	.333	1½

Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	3	0	1.000	—
Golden State	3	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Lakers	0	2	.000	2½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New England	7	0	0	1.000	249 133
N.Y. Jets	4	2	0	.667	152 105
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	176 173
Miami	3	4	0	.429	154 173

South					
Indianapolis	3	4	0	.429	147 174
Houston	2	5	0	.286	154 199
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	147 207
Tennessee	1	5	0	.167	119 139

North					
Cincinnati	6	0	0	1.000	182 122
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	158 131
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	147 182
Baltimore	1	6	0	.143	161 188

West					
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	139 102
Oakland	3	3	0	.500	144 153
Kansas City	2	5	0	.286	150 172
San Diego	2	5	0	.286	165 198

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0	.571	166 156
Washington	3	4	0	.429	148 168
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	160 137
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	121 158

South					
Carolina	6	0	0	1.000	162 110
Atlanta	6	1	0	.857	193 150
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	161 185
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	140 179

North					
Green Bay	6	0	0	1.000	164 101
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	124 102
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	120 179
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	139 200

West					
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	229 133
St. Louis	3	3	0	.500	108 119
Seattle	3	4	0	.429	154 128
San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	103 180

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brady, Patriots rout Dolphins to improve to 7-0

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Even when they look sluggish, Tom Brady and the New England Patriots still dominate.

Brady threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns—two to Julian Edelman—and the Patriots beat the Miami Dolphins 36-7 on Thursday night to become the first of the NFL’s five unbeaten teams to reach seven wins.

Stephen Gostkowski broke Adam Vinatieri’s franchise record for consecutive field goals by connecting from 52 and 36 yards to make it 26 in a row. Rob Gronkowski had 113 yards receiving and a touchdown, and Dion Lewis had 93 yards receiving and

one score. The loss was the first for Miami (3-4) under interim coach Dan Campbell. The Dolphins scored 82 points in wins over the lowly Titans and Texans in Campbell’s first two games after replacing Joe Philbin.

But they were completely overmatched against the defending Super Bowl champions.

It could be an even bigger loss for the Dolphins because four-time Pro Bowl defensive end Cameron Wake was carted off the field with an Achilles tendon injury.

The Patriots are 7-0 for the second time in franchise history and first time since going

16-0 in 2007. They’ve scored at least 28 points in every game and 30 or more in six straight.

A week after setting an NFL record with 25 straight completions, Ryan Tannehill had a rough night against New England. He threw two interceptions and no TDs.

Brady connected with Gronkowski for a 47-yard scoring pass on the opening drive, but the Patriots managed a total of 65 yards on their next five possessions.

They went up 9-0 on a safety after center Mike Pouncey snapped the ball before Tannehill was ready on a third down from the 9.

FEMA

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longed the full inspection done by the project specialist.

Rogolifoi said, in an interview last Friday, that the FEMA inspector also saw the leaks at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium since it rained for a while last Wednesday.

The Ada Gym—including the offices and conference room—and the Francisco M. “Tan Ko” Palacios and the Miguel “Tan Ge” Pangelinan ballfields were among those that were heavily damaged by several typhoons

that hit Saipan.

“We’ve been busy cleaning, drying, and getting the water out of the Ada Gym court. As of now, indoor events are put on hold. We already cleared some of the debris outside but a lot of repairs are needed at the baseball and softball fields,” said Rogolifoi.

The entire floor at the Ada Gym needs to be replaced after the water seeped under it while repairs are also needed on the ceiling and windows of the offices and the conference room.

Lights at the “Tan Ko” baseball field have to be realigned

and bulbs replaced, while a new batting cage must be constructed.

Over at the “Tan Ge” softball field, where the Majors division of the Saipan Little League plays, the roof of the bullpen must be replaced while the steel fence were uprooted. Several light poles also fell inside the softball field.

The Oleai track and field facility, which is due for resurfacing and other repairs, was also not spared after a telephone pole was uprooted and the hammer throw encasing was also damaged.

third period and hung on to a 71-69 advantage, entering the fourth frame.

Makalaro Lang then unloaded another 10-2 bomb in the first three minutes of the final canto for its biggest lead, 79-74. However, Red Rice again found ways to reclaim the driver’s seat with Barbo and Fernando teaming up in the 13-7 exchange. Barbo scored 9 points in that rally, which Fernando finished by stretching for a layup for a shaky 87-86

lead. Cabanas registered the 2 other points for Red Rice and he later made a baseline layup plus a foul on Ernie Moises for an 89-86 spread, 1:41 to go in the finale.

An Ivan Devero split sliced the deficit to 1, 87-89, before Fernando drilled a twisting shot to give Red Rice more cushion. Makalaro Lang refused to give up with still 1:22 left and Peredo made it another one-possession game, 89-91, before they were outhustled by

Red Rice in the end.

Barbo led all scorers with his 34 points, while Fernando chipped in 19, 12 of them came in the second half. Devero had 33 points for Makalaro Lang.

Red Rice 94 –Barbo 34, Fernando 19, Cabanas 16, Achas 12, Saplan 8, Chan 3, Anasan 2.

Makalaro Lang 91 –Devero 33, Peredo 25, Velasco 12, Jugos 12, Moises 7, Abuan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-17, 51-47, 71-69, 94-91.

KB Market gets first win, beat Hoops Islander

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KB Market snapped its three-game losing streak after outclassing Hoops Islander, 81-76, in their open division game in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Friday night at the San Antonio court.

KB Market's first victory in the inaugural league was not assured until the last 14.3 seconds of the close match after Ivan Devero made a point-blanked shot off a helter-skelter play and Alex Lauron faltered in a 3-point attempt in the ensuing play.

The win would have come earlier if not for KB Market's free throw woes. It went 1-for-9 from the foul line in the last two minutes of the match with Nate Mateo going 1-for-7 and Matt Duenas muffing both his charities.

Mateo nailed his lone free throw on his first trip to the line after he fished for a foul from Lauron with the 24-second shot clock almost down and the Islander was within 2 points, 76-78. Mateo missed his next two free throws and four more later, but fortunately for KB Market the Islander committed crucial turnovers in its succeeding offensive sets.

The first error came when Irvyn Malonzo's bounce pass to Lauron off a pick-and-roll play

was intercepted by Mateo, who then drew an unsportsmanlike foul from Jerry Diaz after trying to go for a breakaway play. Mateo trooped to the 15-foot line and went 0-for-2, but KB Market still had possession due to Diaz's infraction, 53.5 seconds remaining on the clock.

KB Market failed to produce a basket in the extra possession, but got the leather back when Kevin Fital's pass to Prince Factor was intercepted by Leo Galarse. KB Market then used several seconds from the clock before attacking the Islander's defense with Mateo again getting fouled and missing two more charities.

The Islander secured the rebound after the miss and this time managed to bring the leather down to its frontcourt, but Fital fumbled when he drove to the lane, while Devero picked up the loose ball. Devero also had butterfingers, as he momentarily lost the leather while dribbling away from traffic. The KB Market managed to recover the loose ball and pass it to Edwin Santos at the right wing and the latter kicked the ball back to Devero who pulled up for a banked shot to make it a two-possession lead, 81-76.

The Islander then quickly pushed the ball to its frontcourt and Lauron attempted a triple, which hit nothing but the board. KB Market got the rebound and ran down the clock to finally enter the win column



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
KB Market's Preston Basa, right, stands his ground against a driving Prince Factor of Hoops Islander during the second quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Friday at the San Antonio court.

in the East Group.

The Islander dropped to a 1-1 slate, wasting a 9-point lead in third quarter of their rain-suspended match that was first played during the league's opening day on Oct. 3. The game resumed with Islander hanging in to a 39-38 lead, 2:58 to go in the first half, and it stretched the advantage to as much as 9 points midway in the third, 52-43, before KB Market moved within four, 60-64, entering the final canto. It was a nip-and-tuck game in the final period with KB Market getting the needed breaks in the end to notch its first win.

Meanwhile, the other open division game last Friday was rained-out with Triple J on top against MJD Enterprise, 20-18, 7:07 left in the second quarter.

Ferrera 71, Armatech 60

In the open division pairing last Thursday, Ferrera Builders also earned its first victory in three games after downing Armatech.

Ferrera recovered from a slow start en route to the double-digit winning margin against Armatech (0-2).

Ferrera faced a 13-16 deficit at the end of the first canto, but turned the tables on Armatech in the second, building a 35-29 cushion. J.R. Mina helped Ferrera grabbed the upper hand in the second quarter after scoring 8 points, including the team's last 6 markers.

The rest of Mina's teammates picked up the cudgels for Ferrera in the second half to protect the driver's seat and hand Armatech its second straight loss.

Judith's Warriors 79, Sonics 75

Judith's Warriors pulled off a come-from-behind win against the Sonics in the U18 pairing last Thursday.

Down by 4 after the third canto, 49-54, Judith's Warriors leaned on the early baskets of Mike Arciaga and Gerald Flores and the late field goals of Sto. Domingo and Mike Muna to eke out a 4-point victory against the Sonics.

Arciaga scored three of Judith's Warriors' first four baskets in the fourth and had 9 markers in that period alone, while Flores contributed 6. Ronnie Sto. Domingo and Muna, on the other hand, combined for four of Judith's Warriors' last five field goals that sealed the win for the team.

While Judith's Warriors got multiple baskets from four players, only Art Borromeo knocked in more than one field goal for the Sonics in the payoff canto.

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Competing against off-island squads would be something new for the nine members of the CNMI U19 girls volleyball team.

The team left Saipan on Friday morning and saw action in the three-day U19 Girls High School Volleyball Championships in Guam, which ended yesterday. They defeated St. John's School but the final score and the results of their other matches were not yet available at press time.

Team captain Knohlynn Gechig said there was a feeling of mixed emotions among the members of the squad since some would be competing in an off-island tournament for the first time.

"All of us are excited and at the same time nervous. We're excited to go and experience playing against outside teams," said Gechig in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune* before they left Saipan last Friday.

They went up against five teams from Guam—John F. Kennedy High School, Notre Dame High School, Ok-

New experience for NMI U19 girls v-ball team

kodo High School, St. John's School, and Simon Sanchez High School—and one from Yap. The CNMI girls team arrived at 5pm yesterday.

The NMI girls opened up

their campaign against Notre Dame on Friday then next

played St. John's, before facing Team Yap. On Saturday, they met Okkodo in the morning match and JFK in the af-

ternoon before closing out against Sanchez.

Despite having little knowledge of their opponents, the



NMI All-Stars are upbeat and added that they trained hard for the tournament even with limited venues.

"We've been training since last year. We took a break in the summer and started again in August. We had to alternately use the Hyatt [Regency Saipan] beach volleyball court and Whispering Palms' concrete volleyball court as training venue after the indoor gyms were damaged by the typhoons," added Gechig.

"We have no idea on how they played and we don't really know what we're going up against but we'll give it our best shot," she ended.

Gechig is one of the four graduating seniors of the team along with Marcy Ann Ermitanio, Emily Jones, and Zari-nae Sapong.

Danica Camacho, Adele Hudkins, Julia Ishikawa, Sabrina Pangelinan, and Jennifer Tan are the other members of the team. Kathy Winkfield is the coach and was assisted by Toni Yamada.

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Players and coaching staff of the CNMI U19 girls volleyball team pose for a group photos before boarding their morning flight to Guam to participate in the U19 Girls High School Volleyball Championships.

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Red Rice outlasts Makalaro Lang in finale



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Red Rice ruled the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after defeating Makalaro Lang, 94-91, in their winner-take-all finale last night at the Navy Hill Basketball Court.



Darwin Barbo hit crucial free throws and the rest of his teammates showed a lot of hustle plays in the homestretch to pull off an upset against the regular season champion Makalaro Lang.

Red Rice's good nose for the ball led to multiple possessions going into the last 1:07 of the match and after Makalaro Lang moved within a deuce, 89-91. Jun Marilla got the first possession off an offensive rebound after Angelo Fernando missed on his drive. Barbo then had

another offensive board off Michael Cabanas' wild shot in the paint, while the latter made up for his earlier booboo by saving the ball from going out to the

baseline and kicking it out to Marilla.

A frustrated Makalaro Lang was then forced to commit two quick fouls to stop the clock, which read at 22.1 seconds. Emir Abuan gave up the second foul to a driving Barbo, who calmly sank both charities to give Red Rice more breathing room, 93-89.

Makalaro Lang sued for time and when the game resumed Errol Peredo rushed for a drive and missed. Fortunately, he got the offensive rebound and

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SIS, Agape split games

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Saipan International School hosted Agape Christian School and they split their games in the 2015-2016 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League last Thursday at the Geckos court in As Lito.

Agape got the first win in the double-header, beating SIS 2 in all three sets of their middle school division match.

The Torchbearers cruised to victory in the opening set, 25-14, before hanging tough in the second, 26-24, for the outright triumph. In the third set, which was played in case of a tie at the end of the elimination round and to give players more time to play, Agape and SIS were still neck-and-neck with the former eking out a 15-12 win.

In the high school division, the Geckos foiled an Agape sweep as SIS 2 topped the visiting team. SIS 2 labored to a 26-24 win in the first set and had another close victory

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FEMA funds to go through Governor's office

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The money that will be used to repair the facilities inside the Oleai Sports Complex will be coursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Governor's Office, according to FEMA Media Relations manager Kurt H. Pickering.

FEMA has been in constant communication with officials of the Northern Marianas Sports Association, particularly NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifoi.

Pickering said that NMSA, being a private sports group, is not eligible to receive FEMA's public assistance funding but money for the repairs was made possible since the Oleai Sports Complex is still owned by the government.

"NMSA is not an eligible applicant under the FEMA PA program. However, the Oleai Sports Complex is owned by the Governor's Office and as such, may be eligible for Public Assistance funding," said Pick-

ering in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

A FEMA is now in the process of making a project worksheet after a FEMA project specialist inspected the damages at

the Oleai Sports Complex last Wednesday.

The FEMA project specialist made a complete field inspection in order to determine the extent of the damages and how

much funding may be given through the public assistance program.

Rains had delayed and pro-

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The steel fence and the pitcher's bullpen at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan softball field are among the facilities that need repairs inside the Oleai Sports Complex.



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A Saipan International School player dinks the ball over during the SIS 1-SIS 2 match in the middle school division of the COPSSA volleyball league last week at the Geckos court in As Lito.